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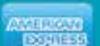
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We are considering legislative action on this issue and would welcome your participation and support. Specifically, we are considering a request that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources:

- require farmers (or others) leasing public land to maintain a 20-foot border around their fields for unrestricted access to trail heads – because we believe that public land is not “available” if there is no way to access it; and
- prohibit firearms on public land on one weekend day each week – because we believe that public land is not “available” to the public if users risk, or fear the risk, of injury from weapons.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in group action on access to trails.

Our superb system of public trails is important to all Marylanders. We look forward to collaborating with you to keep them accessible and safe for all.

Sincerely,

Kimberly K. Egan  
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by Kimberly K. Egan and Corinne M. Pouliquen

We have been busy as bees here at MHC, winding down our summer study projects for the Government Relations Committee and preparing for the 2022 session of the General Assembly. Our task forces did yeomen's work, and we were able to present three new policy positions for a vote by the Board of Directors at the August 19 Quarterly Meeting.

Before we get to the policy positions, however, let's talk about the fact that for the second year in a row, Governor Hogan has declared October to be Maryland Horse Month. As Governor Hogan explained last year, "Maryland has historically led the nation in creating and growing innovative equestrian-related programs, from forming the first sporting organization in the colonies, the Maryland Jockey Club in 1743, to hosting the Maryland 5 Star, one of only seven events of this kind in the world," said Governor Hogan. "Maryland Horse Month will showcase the depth and breadth of the industry's impact on our history, heritage, and culture."

This year's Horse Month will be special, not only because we have the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill, and not only because the Capitol Challenge is back after its COVID-year hiatus in Ohio, and not only because the Jim McKay Maryland Million is welcoming spectators back to Laurel Park, but also because—the Mustangs are coming!

### Mustangs Are Coming to Maryland

Mustang enthusiasts Hannah Catalino and Lianne Fear are riding 5,000 miles through 12 states with 4 Mustangs in one year, starting in late September in Lewes, Delaware. The goal of their cross-country Mustang Ride is to get 5,000 of the 53,000 Mustangs that are currently in holding pens adopted. The ride is being filmed as a documentary by the EQUUS Film Festival.

The Mustang Ride will arrive in Maryland on October 2, when it reaches the Celebration of the Horse event at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center in Queen Anne County. After Tuckahoe, the Mustang Ride will go to the Washington D.C. area and ride through Rock Creek Park before moving on to the C & O Canal.

Marylanders are welcome to join Catalino and Lianne on their ride through the state. Ann Hanlin from Street, who staged a Mustang Chal-

lenge Show last month in Harford County, will be with them. Please come on out and participate—we'd love as many cameos of Maryland horse people in the documentary as possible. Contact Lisa Diersen at [lisa@equusfilmfestival.net](mailto:lisa@equusfilmfestival.net) for details.

Other Horse Month activities include the ribbon cutting for the new Show Arena at the Baltimore County Agricultural Center on October 8, the National Jousting Association's National Tournament in Brunswick on October 9, Canter for the Cause at Pimlico on October 10, and the Military and Mounted Police Showcase at Fair Hill on October 16.

You can find a complete list of October horse events on [equiery.com](http://equiery.com).

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### MHC Board Adopts Three New Policy Positions

MHC's Board of Directors establishes the policy positions upon which our legislative and regulatory work is based. This is an important role; indeed, it is the crux of our work as the trade association for the Maryland horse industry. The policy positions that the Board of Directors establish influence the Maryland General Assembly, state regulatory agencies, and local and municipal governments. You can find the current list of MHC policy positions here: <https://www.mdhorsecouncil.org/about-us/governance/policies-positions>.

At the August 19 meeting, the Board of Directors approved three new policy positions.

### 1. Access to Trails:

As we wrote in last month's letter, the Government Relations Committee convened a task force this summer to consider issues related to the shared use of public land. More Marylanders visited our public parks during 2020 than at any time in the past, in large part because the COVID-19 pandemic limited indoor recreational activities. The Department of Natural Resources reported that in 2020, more than 2 million Marylanders visited over 75 parks. Park rangers closed parks 292 times in 2020, triple the number of times parks closed due to over-capacity in 2019. In addition, the General Assembly created The State Park Investment Commission to study park capacity and to ensure that public lands remain accessible to all. The commission will be chaired by former Governor Parris Glendening.

MHC is committed to ensuring that these capacity and accessibility

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concerns do not jeopardize access to our existing equestrian trails. As a result, the Executive Committee asked the Board of Directors to approve the following policy – which the Board did by unanimous vote:

*The Maryland Horse Council supports legislation to require that farmers who lease public land must leave and maintain a 20-foot border around their crops to permit unobstructed access to trail heads, to encourage environmental best practices, and to allow first responders to reach people in need of assistance.*

Now that the Board has approved this policy, our Government Relations Committee will begin drafting proposed legislation to introduce in the 2022 General Assembly. We have secured a potential Senate sponsor for the bill, and we will be working over the next few weeks to secure similar sponsorship in the House.

We have also reached out to non-equestrian trail users who might share our concerns, and who might support our efforts on the shared use of public land. Our outreach letter appears across from this page, and we encourage everyone to share it as widely as possible. We will post an electronic version on both *The Equiery* and Maryland Horse Council websites.

## **2. Equine-Assisted Therapy for Veterans:**

In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly added “therapy horses” to the list of veterans’ services that are reimbursable under the Service Animal Program. The current law limits eligibility to Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Premier Accredited Centers (PAC), or programs that have Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) certified professionals on staff. Our members felt that these eligibility requirements were too restrictive, and that they effectively excluded deserving programs.

Earlier this summer, MHC created a task force to figure out how to expand the number of therapeutic riding facilities that qualify for veterans’ services reimbursement funds. The task force concluded that the current law is not well-suited to the specific needs of the Maryland veterans’ community, and it decided that a new eligibility protocol that took the best practices of PATH and EAGALA and modified them specifically for veterans was a better approach.

As a result, the Executive Committee asked the Board of Directors to approve the following policy – which the Board did by unanimous vote:

*The Maryland Horse Council believes that equine-assisted therapy programs can provide invaluable services to eligible veterans, and that the Maryland Veterans Affairs Animal Services Program should be given legislative latitude to provide funds to as many qualified equine-assisted therapy programs as possible. As a result, the Maryland Horse Council supports replacing the current eligibility requirements with a Maryland-specific eligibility protocol designed to meet the specific needs of Maryland veterans.*

Now that the Board has approved this policy, our Government Relations Committee will open discussions with the Maryland Veterans Administration to design a Maryland-specific eligibility protocol.

## **3. Helmet Law for Minors:**

As we reported in last month’s letter, Del. Mary A. Lehman (D – Anne Arundel & Prince George’s) asked us if we would support legislation that would require minors to wear helmets when riding on public land. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that horseback riding resulted in 11.7 percent of all traumatic brain injuries in recreational sports from 2001 to 2005, the highest of any athletic activity. According to the Equestrian Medical Safety Association, head injuries account for an estimated 60 percent of the deaths resulting from equestrian accidents. In addition, the New England Journal of Medicine reports that helmets can reduce head and brain injuries by 85 percent. See American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Sports-Related Head Injury, available at <https://www.aans.org/Patients/Neurosurgical-Conditions-and-Treatments/Sports-related-Head-Injury>.

The Executive Committee surveyed MHC members about their views on a helmet law for minors. We asked: “Do you think Maryland law should mandate that minors wear ASTM-approved helmets when mounted and riding on public land?” Eighty-seven percent of our respondents said “yes,” and 13% percent said “no.” Of those who voted “no,” the reasons were that such a law would be difficult to enforce, and that whether a child should wear a helmet should be a parental choice, not a legal requirement.

Because the majority of survey respondents supported such a law, the Executive Committee asked the Board to approve the following policy – which it did by unanimous vote:

*The Maryland Horse Council supports legislation to require minors to wear ASTM/SEI-approved helmets when riding on public land.*

Now that the Board has approved the helmet law policy, our Government Relations Committee will work with Del. Mary A. Lehman (D – Anne Arundel and Prince George’s) on draft legislation.

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The fact that our summer study projects are winding down does not mean our work on these issues will stop. Our work on public land will shift to our standing Trails & Greenways Committee, and our work on therapy horses for veterans will shift to our standing Equine-Assisted Therapy Committee.

Any member is welcome to participate in either committee. Just email Kim ([kegan@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:kegan@mdhorsecouncil.org)) or Corinne ([parkoverlookfarm@aol.com](mailto:parkoverlookfarm@aol.com)) and let us know. If you are not a member but would like to participate in our policy making on trails and equine-assisted therapy, please join now at <https://www.mdhorsecouncil.org/membership/mhc-membership-options>.

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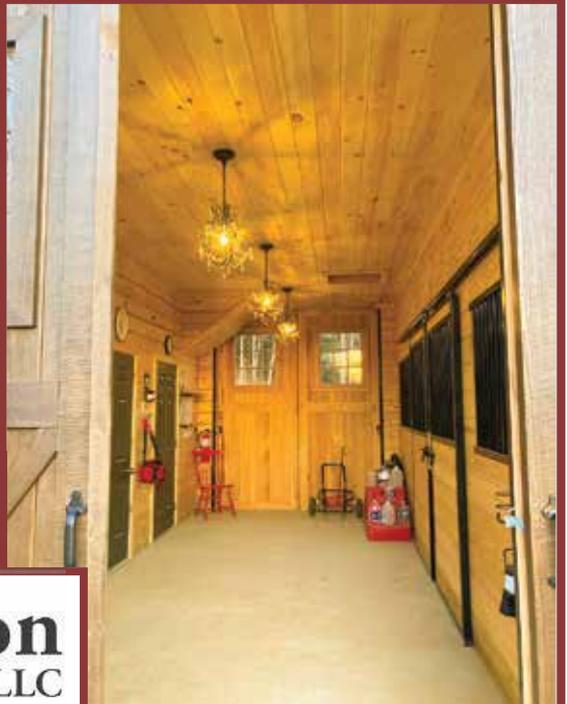
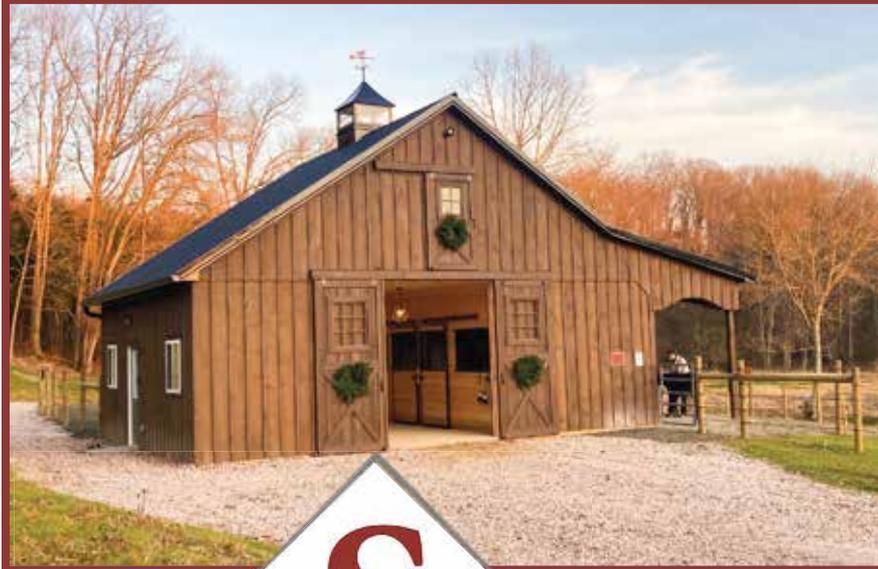
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- Oct. 2 Celebration of the Horse & National Mustang Discovery Ride**, see Mustangs start out on a year-long cross country trek, Tuckahoe State Park, Queen Anne
- Oct. 8 Ribbon cutting, New Show Arena** Baltimore County Agricultural Center & Baltimore County Horse Shows Association medal finals, Hunt Valley
- Oct. 9 National Jousting Association National Tournament**, Maryland's Official State Sport, Petersville Farmers Woods, Brunswick
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## Teen Jockey Tops Pimlico Standings

At the conclusion of the extended Preakness Meet at Pimlico Racecourse, it was 18-year-old jockey Charlie Marquez who topped the jockey standings with 49 wins. A Maryland native, Marquez grew up in Columbia and spent his early childhood watching his mother gallop for trainers Mary Eppler and Jose Corrales. "I always wanted to be a jockey," Marquez said.

In 2020, Marquez had 58 wins to make him Maryland's leading apprentice jockey. This year, his wins graduated him to journeyman status on May 30. He earned his first career riding title with the Preakness Meet.

While Marquez scooped up the Preakness Meet jockey title, veteran trainer Claudio Gonzalez earned his second straight Preakness Meet trainer title this year, bringing his total career Maryland titles to 17. Highlights for Gonzalez from this year's Preakness Meet include wins with Harpers First Ride in the Deputed Testimony on July 31, and double stakes wins on April 24 with Miss Leslie winning the Weber City Miss and Completed Pass winning the King T. Leatherbury.

## MD Horse Library Added to State's Horse Park System

On September 10, the Maryland Horse Industry Board designated the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center as the Educational and Cultural Center of the Maryland Horse Park System.

As part of the State's effort to enhance and increase interest in the Maryland horse industry, MHIB established the Maryland Horse Park System, which is made up of three venues: an outdoor and field equestrian competition facility, an indoor competition and exhibition arena and an educational and cultural center. MHIB commissioned the Maryland Stadium Author-

ity to perform a study in 2011 to identify the locations for these facilities.

Upon conclusion of the study and improvements made to each facility, the Fair Hill Special Events Zone in Elkton was designated the outdoor and field equestrian competition venue and the Prince George's Equestrian Center was named the indoor competition and exhibition arena.

The newly renovated multi-faceted library in historic Reisterstown fulfills the need for the third location, the educational and cultural center. Construction began in September with the center opening to the public by spring 2022.

## Dressage Young Rider Medalist

Maryland's Hannah Irons was a member of the Region 1 Silver Medal winning team at this year's North American Youth Championships, held August 10-15 in Traverse City, Michigan. Irons, who rides regionally with Potomac Valley Dressage Association, rode Scola Bella to sixth place individually in the Freestyle and 14th individually for the Individual Test.

Fellow Marylander Abigail Rowe also competed at NAYC this year as part of the Region 1 Junior team. She rode Freewill to 14th place individually and the team finished fifth overall.

## Tornado Hits Fiddlers Folly

As the remnants of Hurricane Ida made their way up the East Coast, an F2 tornado struck several areas of Edgewater, including the western fields of Fiddlers Folly, managed by Amy Posey. The tornado touched down on September 1, a little after 2 pm and took out many fence lines and two run-in sheds. Posey reported that the damage is estimated at \$32,000. "Fortunately the tornado missed the farm's main barn, containing the 12 resident horses, by a mere 30 yards and all horses were unharmed," she said.

Posey and her barn staff and boarders had been busy planning the farm's first combined test to be held on September 11, but after starting at the wreckage, they started to think they should cancel the show. "There were shards of aluminum, broken boards, decimated sheds, and downed trees sprinkling the property," Posey stated, adding, "We had 10 days and lots of help," so now the show will go on.

Over the course of those 10 days, Posey and a team of eight boarders mobilized to make the farm safe and presentable. "Once pictures

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Before and after photos of Fiddlers Folly after a tornado went through the farm on September 1.



photos supplied by Amy Posey

One of the two run-in sheds damaged at Fiddlers Folly by the September 1 tornado.



With a clean-up crew of boarders, barn staff, family and friends, Fiddlers Folly was able to hold a show just 10 days after the tornado.

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of the damages were posted to Facebook, suddenly the show was over capacity and we were attempting to squeeze in last minute rides into every minute of the schedule," she explained. "In addition to the entries, sponsorships and donations from local businesses came flooding in. The community support was completely overwhelming."

## New Safety Measures at Assateague

In an effort to reduce Assateague Island wild pony injuries and deaths due to vehicle strikes, the State Highway Administration and Assateague State Park have made several changes within the national seashore.

Four speed bumps have been installed in the park's campground and crosswalks have been expanded. Additional caution and speed warning signs have been installed along the Route 611 causeway/park entrance road. The speed limit on the park entrance road across Verrazano Bridge has been lowered to 25 miles per hour, and the speed along the causeway and Bayberry Drive has been lowered to 15 miles per hour. The National Park Service has also added speed feedback signs, which display driver speeds along these roads.

In addition, the park hired additional seasonal rangers plus a team of two volunteer rovers to conduct pony patrol activities and to help move horses away from busy beach areas. The Maryland Park Service is also piloting the installation of campsite cooler storage bins to keep food where horses are less likely to be attracted to it.

These ongoing efforts are part of a "Give Wild Horses a Brake" outreach campaign that was launched on August 20 by Maryland First Lady



Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan with Maryland DNR Secretary Jeanie Haddaway-Riccio, Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza and members of the non-profit group Assateague Island Alliance at the August 20 launch of the "Give Wild Horses a Brake" campaign.

Maryland DNR photo

Yumi Hogan, Maryland DNR Secretary Jeanie Haddaway-Riccio, Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, and members of the non-profit group Assateague Island Alliance.

## Reining Rule Changes

On August 22, the National Reining Horse Association Board of Directors unanimously approved two proposed rule changes that had been presented by the Non Pro Committee. Both changes will open up opportunities for Youth and Non Pro members.

The first rule change allows Youth members to work for NRHA Professionals. "By relaxing the restrictions on our young members, we have the opportunity to welcome even more youth into the industry," said Non Pro Committee Chair Ginger Schmersal. "Now kids who want to ride or learn to ride can go work for a trainer without having to worry about losing their Non Pro status."

The rule change adds that when a Youth member turns 19 years old, they will be able to make the decision to retain their Non Pro status or become a NRHA Professional member.

The second rule change allows Non Pro members to receive sponsorships and endorsements. These riders however, must abide by all other requirements of the Non Pro Conditions "restricting the receipt of remuneration for training or showing in any equine discipline or giving instruction on the showing or training of a performance horse," according to a recent NRHA press release.

"Without the allowance for advertisements and endorsements, collegiate reining athletes would have to deny endorsements and activities, become a NRHA Professional, or stop showing in NRHA," Schmersal explained. She added that every member of the Non Pro Committee felt that receiving free products does not give an exhibitor an advantage in the show pen and does not make the person receiving the products a professional trainer.

Both rules will go into effect January 1, 2022. For exact rule language, visit: [nrha.com/handbook](http://nrha.com/handbook).

## New Trail Etiquette Campaign

On August 25, Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR), a non-profit dedicated to protecting land for horses, along with a national coalition of trail user groups, announced the launch of the "Trails Are Common Ground" campaign to help "elevate the importance of respectful, inclusive, safe, and enjoyable experiences on trails."

According to a study commissioned by the Outdoor Industry Association, 8.1 million more Americans hiked on public park trails in 2020 over 2019. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, many trail system automated counters reported four times

as many users as during the same time frame in 2019. In addition, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy reported a 79% spike in usage nationwide between March and July of 2020.

Advocacy groups and industry leaders began collaborating in February 2021 to discuss the need for this campaign. More than 15 meetings have been held with input from over 20 organizations as well as outdoor industry brands, land managers, representatives with BIPOC communities and adaptive trail users.

For more information on the Trails Are Common Ground campaign, visit [www.trailsarecommonground.org](http://www.trailsarecommonground.org).

## SCD Cooperator of the Year Award

Howard County Thoroughbred breeding farm, No Guts No Glory, won this year's Howard Soil Conservation District's Cooperator of the Year award in recognition of the operation's farm stewardship practices. Owner Gina Robb grew her Woodbine operation from two broodmares to six broodmares over the last three years. She is a life-long advocate of the Maryland Thoroughbred, and breeds her mares to Maryland sires almost exclusively in order to maintain the ranks of Maryland-breds.



From left: MHC Co-President Kim Egan, Gina and Jerry Robb of No Guts No Glory Farm (Howard Soil Conservation District's Cooperator of the Year), and Councilperson Deb Jung (Howard County Council District 4)



Mark Mahan/TOBA

## Maryland Breeder Wins National Award

Angie and Sabrina Moore, breeders of champion Thoroughbred racehorse Knicks Go, won the National Small Breeder of the Year award and the Maryland Breeder of the Year award at the 36th annual Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association National Awards Dinner in Paris, KY, on September 11.

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# Menorca, Where Horses Reign Supreme

by Alex Abella, MHC Member

Imagine an island filled with all-black stallions and mares, dotted with quaint white villages, surrounded by turquoise waters and kissed by soft Mediterranean breezes, in a renowned ecological refuge, where there are more horses per capita than anywhere around...

"Well, that's our claim anyway," says Mateu Pons, owner of Algendar Rutes, a horseback excursions outfit in the Spanish island of Menorca, located in the western Mediterranean. "Other people from Europe have come to ride here and made the same claim about their town or region, but none have so many of such a unique breed as we have here."

Indeed, the Purebred Menorca Horse and its island of birth make the most beautiful of couples. It is nothing short of a marriage, a marriage of centuries, an historical marriage, and the stuff that equestrian dreams are made of. This became my unexpected dream vacation this summer.

Dark, handsome, brave and kind, the Menorca Horse is said to be descended from various Spanish island and mainland breeds, as well as from the breeds of the many invaders the centuries brought to this land. To ride the Menorcan Horse through his magical island is to live history, from the crystalline beaches that beckoned Phoenicians, Greeks and Carthaginians, through the still existing cobblestone routes of the Romans, past the influences of Moorish invasions, the kingdoms of Mallorca and Aragon, and beyond the remnants of French and English occupations. The significance of the names of farm estates, the stone walls along the paths, the castles in the distance, and the archaeological wonders, is laid out before you as you ride through on your majestic black stallion. And no, none of this is exaggeration or literary license.

The Menorcan Horse breed as it is today is

thought to be 200 years old, as it has been at the center of the island's holidays and festivities for that long at least. The Feast of St. John, held in June in the castle-topped city of Ciutadella, is the best known, but a stay in Menorca quickly divulges the true connection of the horse to its people: everybody and their cousin reports rearing on a Menorca stallion through the streets during summer festivities in their town! In fact, the traditional and spectacular "bots," in which the horses rear and walk or jump several feet on their hind legs while people reach out to touch them for good luck, is the pride and joy of every Menorcan's memory bank. "Look, this is me riding in the town of Ferreries' festivities, and this is my daughter's girlfriend doing the bot among the people as well," exclaims Biel Febrer, as he shows me videos and pictures on his phone, readily available at the touch of one button.

Febrer works in Menorca's renowned shoe industry and his memories are just as generous and ready and joyful as the original moments. The pride over the horses and the traditions of the island is palpable and infectious in everyone you meet; even our taxi ride to the airport divulged another "bot" rider. Sometimes even children ride in the festivities. "Everyone in Menorca is either from the sea and has a "llaut" (the typical Menorcan boat), or is from the land and has a Menorcan horse. Some families do both!" Mateu Pons proudly exclaimed.

That passion for the heritage of Menorca is how its endangered breed has evolved throughout the centuries, bred by the island's people for battle, for farming, for carriage driving, for festivities and for any task required, with colts kept as studs whenever possible to ensure its future. A breed association was formed in 1988 and a stud book in 2008, and the breed standard today is for an elegant and agile black horse that starts

at about 15.1 hands. The average height I saw on the island was closer to 16 hands and slightly above, and I even got to ride a 17-hand, four-year old stallion that might as well have been a rocking horse he was so safe. Only those that have been to an auction without their trailer or checkbook will know the relief I felt at having neither handy at that moment, but I cannot deny I'm still dreaming of that horse!

Incredibly sure-footed, they move like agile goats through the frequently rocky Menorcan landscape. Most of the stallions and geldings are worked in Menorcan dressage in traditional Menorcan tack - including a slightly high-cantle saddle to hold you in while you do the "bot" - and all are extensively trail ridden. The breed is also starting to enter classical dressage in Spain and throughout Europe, with their incredibly docile and cooperative temperament being one of their most beloved traits.

Today, several of the island's breeders are working to grow beyond the estimated 3,000 registered horses and there are several trail-riding outfits on the island to familiarize tourists with the breed and the island's history. There is also an exhibition hall, Son Martorellet, that hosts a wonderful weekly show with live music, lights, classical dressage routines, work at liberty, and several demonstrations of Menorcan dressage with the traditional "bots."

If being on a beautiful island is not enough of a magical experience and opportunity to disconnect, imagine being a horseperson on such an island where horses are at the center of life there, to top it all off. Everywhere you drive, fields dotted with black horses. Everyone you speak to, a lover of horses. One cannot possibly live through such a unique experience without dreaming of return, so I'm already planning for an even deeper look into this unique island and its horses next summer. Who's coming with me?!



Biel Febrer doing the "bot" at the Ferreries' Annual Festivities

Alex Abella on a four-year-old stallion in Menorcan tack riding on the Cami Cavalls, the historic horse route that traverses Menorca.

The horses at the Son Martorellet show.





# Here, There & Everywhere with *Equiery* Readers!

Dranae Carmel Photography



Alyssa Dietrich traveled to Colorado this past spring to study under Josh Lyons for two months. She is pictured here with Josh Lyons, Weston Trapp and Josh Carmel.



Alex Makowski

Julia Beamish of Mayadinya Farm (Sunshine) took her horse True Blue for a beach ride at Cape Henlopen in Lewes, Delaware, in December 2020.



Hannah Canon in Montana this July.



Becca Pennington

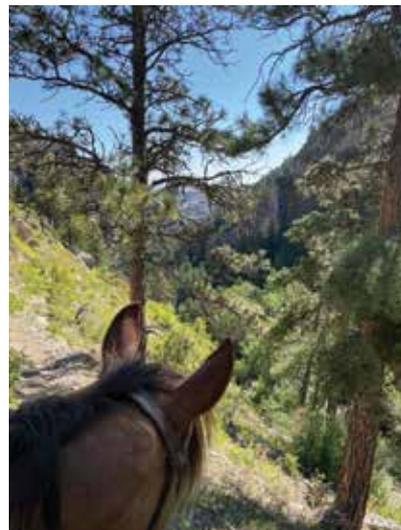
The Pennington family of Elkton took a trip to Bryce Canyon in Utah this May.



Erica and John Gregg of Salisbury rode Icelandic Horses around Hafnavatn Lake in Mosfellsbaer, Iceland, this July.



Susan Marker of Ellicott City and Allison Akers celebrated Mother's Day this year with a trail ride and stay at the Natural Connection-Marriott Ranch in Hume, Virginia.



Crigger Halle of Double C Farm (Clarksburg) went trail riding in Wolf, Wyoming.



Victoria Mannina

Maryland Quarter Horse breeder Dana Grafft (Frederick) headed to Ohio in August to check in on several of her homebreds that are in training with Stephen Sidiak and to bring home the four-year-old gelding Sparking Commanda, pictured here with Sidiak riding him bridleless.



Katherine Pinkard Owings Mill and Karin Olsen traveled to Alken, South Carolina, to play with Berube Polo earlier this year.



Joanie Light, Rebecca Light, Ashley Oman, Raneae Oman and Mark Oman spent some time this summer trail riding through Yosemite National Park in California.



Hilary Moore Hebert (Germantown) headed to Florida last month with her young horse Kapucino for some early fall training sessions.



Gegi Leeger took the Diamond Circle Tour in Iceland from August 16-20 this year.



Barbara and Dwight Reynolds spent part of August 2021 on a Wagon Train vacation through the Teton Mountains in Wyoming.



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Carol Edwards, Mike Edwards, Bruce Plaxen and Tranique Plaxen rode through the mountains of Montana at Triple Creek Ranch in August 2021.



Jesseanne Norton (Lothian) and friends hauled their horses up to Maine to compete in the Pine Tree Pioneer Endurance Ride. They are pictured here taking a dip in the Saco River.



Allyson Thomas trail riding in Yellowstone National Park in California with the Yellowstone Roughriders on August 4, 2021.



Best friends Diane Zrimsek (Lexington Park) and Kate Kennedy (first two riders on left) headed to Oregon to participate in the Willamette Coast Ride.

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# Here, There & Everywhere with *Equiery* Readers!



While we were putting together this issue of *The Equiery*, Christine Morrow and Natalie Hollis of Destination Farm (Dickerson) were exploring Iceland! They are pictured here at Skalakot Manor riding up to a glacier.



Grace Pariso (Frederick) posted this photo of children riding ponies in the Parc Monceau, Paris, on August 8, 2021.



The Hagerstown mother-daughter team of Christina Ocharzak (left) and Cathy Ocharzak (right) traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, last November to compete in the Cutters in Cow Town at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. The event was a joint event with the National Cutting Horse Association and US Cutting Horse Association. Christina showed Smoother Than Annie while Cathy showed Athena Mad Man.



The Francia family of Ellicott City rode Provo Ponies on April 5, 2021 in Turks and Caicos.



Joanie Light and Samantha Maurer took a ride through history at Gettysburg National Battlefield in Pennsylvania.



Emma Mathos, Kassie Reeves and Bonnie Payne hacked around the island of Kauai in Hawaii this past June. Behind them in this photo are the cliffs where the movie *Six Days Seven Nights* was filmed.



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# The CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW

## Surviving and Thriving During the Pandemic

By Katherine O. Rizzo

Imagine 10 days during which riders from all over the country descend on Maryland, flooding the economy with a staggering \$25 million worth of economic impact. From booked hotels and packed restaurants to supplies purchased from local vendors, the Capital Challenge Horse Show provides Maryland with a significant annual economic boost as well as providing the Hunter/Jumper world with the biggest horse show on the fall East Coast calendar.

In 2019, the show hosted 736 riders representing 49 states for a total of 1,133 entries. Over the course of the show, 43 division champions were crowned as well as 15 Grand Champions. Fifteen Leading Rider awards were handed out along with four National Medal Finals and 10 World Champion Hunter Rider National Champions. The 2019 show held an impressive 4,096 jump rounds.

In 2020, the Capital Challenge Horse Show was forced to move from its traditional home at the Prince George's Equestrian Center to Ohio due to Prince George's County COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. But this year, it is back at PGEC and is bigger than ever.

### In the Beginning...

The Capital Challenge Horse Show was the brainchild of then show managers Oliver Kennedy and Billy Glass. "We had a show up at the Columbia Horse Center but it wasn't doing all that great," Kennedy remarked. "The barn could do better making money from lessons so we were looking for a place to move the show."

Right around the same time, Kennedy, a Maryland-native, got wind of a new equestrian center being built in Prince George's County. "We immediately contacted them and held our first show there in December 1993," Kennedy said. That first show was also the first event ever held at the newly constructed Prince George's Equestrian Center (PGEC).

The following year, the show was shifted to September with the intent of being a preview competition for the fall indoor circuit and was run over six days. "We thought we would just be a good prep for the fall indoors, but now we are the biggest show on the fall circuit," Kennedy added.

Over the years, the show has grown and is currently run over 10 days with Kennedy as the sole show manager. Twenty-eight years later, this year's show runs October 1-10 and is shap-

ing up to be a big one. "We have the biggest wait list we have ever had," said Kennedy. "We currently have over 1,600 entries and will probably run about 1,400."

### All About the Riders

With over 700 riders from all over the country competing each year, the competition at this show tends to be fierce. "We always have amazing competition," Kennedy remarked, adding, "Riders say it's the hardest show in the country to win at because of the level of competition. Scoring an 84 somewhere else often gets you the win but at our show, that might only be seventh place because of the level of competition."

Riders such as Carleton Brooks of Balmoral Farm in West Los Angeles, CA, have high regard for Capital Challenge, returning year after year with several horses and clients. Brooks, who is also a coach, clinician, trainer and rated judge, said, "it is the prestige of competing there that brings us back each year. The best of the best are there with the top [riders] fighting it out."

Brooks typically brings 10-15 horses from California for the East Coast competition circuit, with Capital Challenge being the first stop. "I like to think of it as the 'Triple Crown' of show hunters with Capital Challenge, Harrisburg, and Washington International," he said. This year however, Brooks is skipping the Washington International Horse Show and heading to Kentucky instead after the Pennsylvania Horse Show. "We love Washington when it's in D.C.... there is nothing like competing in the city like that... but we are going to Kentucky instead of Tryon this year."

Brooks added that competing in the indoor at PGEC is important to his training methods for its "coliseum feel." He explained, "The coliseum setting is really important for the industry as we are losing a lot of great indoors like that."

### Pandemic Pandemonium

While most of the country had shut down early in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was looking like the Capital Challenge Horse Show could be held at PGEC in the Fall, under COVID-19 safety guidelines. Then on August 17, 2020, the show organizers announced that it would be moved to the World Equestrian Center in Ohio due to "Prince George's County Parks Department's tightened regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and its

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O'Neill Photo

"It is the prestige of competing there that brings us back each year," said California rider/trainer/judge Carleton Brooks, pictured here competing Striking at an early Capital Challenge Horse Show.



Jump Media

Top riders from all over the country have competed at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, including U.S. Olympic Medalist Joe Fargis, shown here competing in 2000.



Jump Media

"Just pulling off the show last year [during the pandemic] was a huge feat," said show manager Oliver Kennedy, pictured here ringside in 2002.

## The Capital Challenge Horse Show, continued...

decision to decrease the number of horses allowed at the facility.”

Kennedy reported that his team had only four weeks to pack up everything from Maryland and get set up in Ohio. “Just pulling off the show last year was a huge feat,” he said. “I don’t know how we pulled it off. It’s a testament to how good our staff is.”

The pandemic also forced the cancellation of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg, which moved the North American League Jumper Finals to Capital Challenge in Ohio. “The NAL finals [people] seem to like us so they will be part of this year’s show too,” Kennedy stated.

The pandemic has not finished wreaking havoc for 2021, as Kennedy is finding his normal supply chain crunched. “Rippeon Equipment has been part of the show nearly since day one and they supply our tractors for the show but they are having a hard time finding anything for us to use,” Kennedy explained. “Tractors are in short supply and we are having a hard time finding any to rent either.”

The ongoing pandemic is not going to slow Kennedy and his team down, however, as they put the finishing touches on the set up of this year’s show.

### Soldiering On

One of the reasons PGEC is so well-suited for a horse show this large is because of the number of rings they have available. Kennedy reports that during Equitation Weekend, there will be three competition rings going at once as well as two warm up areas. “The covered arena is primarily used for under saddle classes that weekend and then warm up for less busy days,” he said.

Another key asset of PEGC is the number of permanent stalls and the ample room for temporary stabling. “We have used Brandywine Tent Company since the beginning,” Kennedy explained, adding that around 1,000 horses and ponies are stabled on the grounds during the show.

Vendors have been invited back to PEGC this year with nearly 100% of the show’s pre-pandemic vendors returning for 2021. “We will have vendors set up outside and inside and everyone is to follow the county’s COVID protocols,” Kennedy stated. These protocols include limiting the number of customers in booths and wearing face masks when indoors. “Plus there is all the standard stuff about self-monitoring temperatures and such,” he added.

Even though this year’s show is shaping up to be business as usual, Kennedy is surprised at how big the show has become during the pandemic. “I’m shocked... with everything that is going on

in the world this year... it is just crazy how many people want to come to the show,” he said while getting a bit choked up. “I’m super grateful that [the riders] like us. Not sure what it is about this show... but I’m just so very grateful.”



Jump Media

Many local riders came up the ranks through the Capital Challenge Horse Show, like Samantha Schaefer, shown here winning the WCHR Pony Hunter Challenge in 2002 aboard Halcyon Hawthorne. Schaefer moved on to the hunter horse divisions and now competes as a professional. Also pictured is Nancy Amling, who presented the Foxlair’s Poker Perpetual Trophy to Schaefer, and ringmaster Albert Sabrasula.

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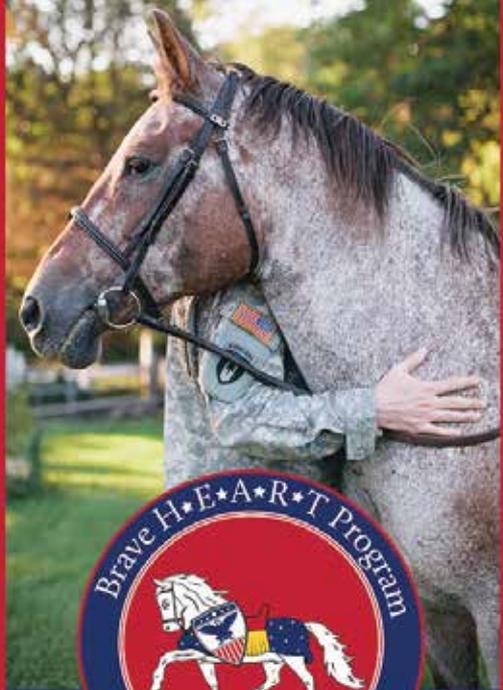
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by the Fair Hill Organizing Committee

The inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is set to make its spectacular debut, October 14-17, at the newly constructed Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, MD (Cecil County).

The Maryland 5 Star is one of only two 5 Star events in the United States and just the seventh worldwide, joining Eventing's other elite 5 star events at Badminton and Burghley in England; Luhmuhlen in Germany; Pau in France; Adelaide in Australia; and the Kentucky Three-Day Event in the U.S. The event's prestigious 5 Star (CCI5\*) designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing.

The four days of Eventing competition will feature Dressage (Thu-Fri), Cross-Country (Sat) and Show Jumping (Sun). In addition to the CCI5\*-L, the event will feature a 3 Star level competition (CCI3\*-L), which is serving as the USEF CCI3\*-L Eventing National Championship, and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse East Coast Championships Presented by Dubarry of Ireland.

Riders who competed in this year's Tokyo Olympic Games are expected to be on hand, including the full U.S. team of Phillip Dutton, Boyd Martin and Doug Payne, plus other Olympians such as Will Coleman and Lauren Kieffer Nicholson of the U.S., Clayton Fredericks of Australia, Jessica Phoenix of Canada, and 2004 individual Gold Medalist Leslie Law of Great Britain!

The event will also feature great shopping, demonstrations, concerts, kids activities, and the Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest, produced in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture (Sunday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). The Food Fest will feature seasonal fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats and seafood, and much more! There will also be an event for adults only – the Maryland 5 Star

Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify (Saturday, October 16, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.) with a variety of craft beer, wine, and spirits from local producers.

Tickets include entry to all competitions held simultaneously throughout the event. A variety of single and multi-day ticket packages, along with group sales options are available for purchase. Levels range from General Admission starting at \$15, Grandstand Box Seats, Reserved Club Level and Tier 1 VIP Hospitality offering the most exclusive and elevated experience to spectators overlooking the Main Arena.

There are also a limited number of Tailgate spots available that will provide tailgaters an incredible experience. The chance for families, friends, and co-workers to be together outdoors for a day at beautiful Fair Hill this Fall, while enjoying their favorite tailgating menu, so close to these elite athletes and horses, is sure to be an experience they'll never forget!

For news and updates about the event, follow the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill on social media @maryland5star and sign up for the email newsletter at [Maryland5star.us/newsletter-sign-up](http://Maryland5star.us/newsletter-sign-up).

The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is produced by The Fair Hill Organizing Committee, an affiliate of the Sport and Entertainment Corporation of Maryland, and in partnership with Fair Hill International. The Sport and Entertainment Corporation of Maryland is a non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code. It was established in 2019 to move Maryland forward through sports.

The Maryland Food Bank serves as an event beneficiary of this year's Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.

Event organizers continue to monitor health and safety protocols. Updates and policies as deemed necessary will be available through the event website.

### FAST FACTS

**WHAT:** Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill

**WHEN:** October 14 - 17, Thursday & Friday start at 8am, Saturday & Sunday start at 9am (3 Star Competition) & noon (5 Star Competition)

**WHERE:** Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, MD (Cecil County)

**TICKETS:** Starting at \$15, available at [www.Maryland5Star.us/tickets/](http://www.Maryland5Star.us/tickets/)

**BENEFITTING:** The Maryland Food Bank

**DESCRIPTION:** The highest level of the Olympic equestrian sport of Eventing featuring elegant Dressage (Thu-Fri), dynamic Cross-Country (Sat) & exciting Show Jumping (Sun).

Also featuring extensive shopping in the retail vendor areas, equine exhibitions, and other entertainment as well as a number of other special events including the Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest (Food Fest is held on Sunday, October 17 only).

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# Local Competitors Will Make Memories at the **WIHS REGIONAL HORSE SHOW** presented by TTR Sotheby's International Realty

By Kara Pinato Scro / Jump Media

For decades, the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) Regional Horse Show has been a staple for local Washington D.C., Virginia, and Maryland hunter/jumper competitors. This year, the show will return to Morven Park International Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA, October 21-24, 2021, and will also host the USHJA Zone 3 Championships. It will be an exciting four days as fans and spectators will be welcomed back following COVID-19 guidelines.

The WIHS Regional Horse Show is filled with tradition, including the opportunity for Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper riders to qualify to compete the WIHS Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper Championships presented by MARS Equestrian™, which will again be held at Tryon International Equestrian Center, in Mill Spring, NC, on October 26-31, 2021.

"WIHS and the WIHS Regional Show represent the very best of equine sport competitions," said Mark Lowham, CEO and Managing Partner of TTR Sotheby's International Realty, the 2021 WIHS Regional Show's presenting sponsor. "For our family, it is such an honor to participate and to compete side-by-side with some of the most talented equine athletes in America."

Teach for America, an organization that finds and nurtures leaders who commit to expanding opportunity for low-income students, will be the first-ever charity partner of the WIHS Regional Show. A portion of proceeds from the WIHS Regional Show will be donated to Teach for America.

## In With the New

This year's event will feature the return of the competitive Maryland Horse Shows Association (MHSA) Gittings Horsemanship Final on Saturday, October 23, and a number of exciting new classes for competitors including the MHSA Invitational Thoroughbred Hunter Classic on Thursday, October 21, and the Zone 3 Championship for Hunter Breeding.

In addition, a special trophy for adult amateur hunter riders will debut this year—the Glyndon Memorial Trophy for the WIHS Regional Horse Show Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Champion donated by Patti and Bruce Schindler of Reisterstown, MD. The trophy is in memory of Glyndon, Patti's striking grey

gelding that achieved numerous top honors in the Adult Amateur Hunters throughout his career including MHSA Horse of the Year.

## Honoring a Maryland Trainer's Legacy

Now in its tenth year, the Annual Laura Pickett Excellence in Horsemanship Award presented by Victoria Lowell and Charles Ancona, will be presented to the up-and-coming adult or child rider and his or her trainer who best exhibit the enthusiasm, dedication, style, and commitment to excellent horsemanship that brings out the best in horse and rider. Laura Pickett was a beloved Maryland-based trainer who influenced the riding careers of many riders. Her dedication to teaching good horsemanship and inspiring the next generation of hunter/jumper talent left a lasting impression when she passed away in 2012 from breast cancer. The trophy honors her contributions to the sport she loved.

"On the tenth anniversary of the Laura Pickett Horsemanship Award, I still miss Laura, her generous, kind spirit and her unwavering dedication to her students and their horses. I was lucky to be one of them," said WIHS President Victoria Lowell. "I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to honor her life while recognizing and getting to know each one of the outstanding recipients of this award. I can't wait to review the 2021 applicants!"

## Keeping With Tradition

The WIHS Junior Committee plays a key role in the lead-up to and execution of WIHS and will be onsite at the WIHS Regional Show to help with everything from social media content, WIHS vendor booth support, assisting exhibitors with move in, and more.

For competitors, as in previous years, the WIHS Regional Show will offer Children's and Adult Hunters and Jumpers, a 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunter division, expanded opportunities for Jumpers, and Grand Championships for Green Hunter, Children's and Adult Hunters, and Children's Hunter Ponies.

Learn more about the WIHS Regional Horse Show presented by TTR Sotheby's International Realty & USHJA Zone 3 Championship, and find links to the prize list, online entry system and application for the Laura Pickett Award at [www.wihs.org/wihs-regional](http://www.wihs.org/wihs-regional).



Hannah Jones Photography

This year's WIHS Regional Show returns to the picturesque show grounds at Morven Park International Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA.



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Glyndon earned many championships in the Adult Amateur Hunters, including champion at the 2018 WIHS Regional Show, with Patti Schindler.



Kelly Wilkinson Coffin

Kelly Wilkinson Coffin is the official artist for the WIHS Regional Show for the second consecutive year. This year's painting, "Pep Talk," has been transformed into a poster and is also featured on the cover of the WIHS Regional Show prize list.



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# FAIR HILL: More than a 5\*

By Katherine O. Rizzo

As the international eventing scene shifts to Elkton and the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill this month, eyes around the world will be on the competitors and those working hard behind the scenes to put on the newest five-star on the FEL eventing calendar. Whether you are watching the live-stream feed from the comfort of your couch or cheering in person from the competition grounds, one thing worth noticing is the property itself: the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

This 5,656-acre park in Cecil County is much more than an eventer's playground. Managed by the Maryland Park Service of the Department of Natural Resources, Fair Hill is known for its open rolling hills, woodlands, and overall natural beauty. It is enjoyed by cyclists, hikers, and horseback riders year-round. The facility is home to the Cecil County Fair, the Fair Hill Races, Elk Creek Combined Driving Event, Foxcatcher Endurance Ride, and of course... Fair Hill International's multiple United States Eventing Association horse trials and starter trials. Starting this year, it is also home to the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.

How did such an enormous park become the Fair Hill that it is today? Read on for the story of one horseman and his quest to build a sanctuary for fox chasing.

## A Man With a Vision

Born in Surrey, England, in 1896 to Americans Annie Zinn (née Rogers) and William du Pont Sr., William du Pont Jr. was by profession a banker and businessman; his love of horses, fox chasing, and Thoroughbred racing, however, truly make up his legacy. The du Pont family moved back to the U.S. in 1902 and took up residence at the family's Virginia estate, Montpelier, once the home of the 4th U.S. President, James Madison. There, along with his sister Marion (who also became a Thoroughbred breeder and for whom the Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, VA is named), du Pont rode horses and raised champion foxhounds.

In 1919, du Pont married Jean Liseter Austin and the couple moved to Newtown Square, PA. They established Liseter Hall Farm where they bred and trained Thoroughbred racehorses under the name Springlawn Farm. The farm boasted the first indoor galloping track in the U.S. as well as an indoor arena, half-mile training track, breeding shed, hunter barn, show horse barn, and other outbuildings needed to run the large racing operation.

The du Ponts built a similar facility in Delaware, at Bellevue Hall, which William had inherited from his father. During this time, du Pont also began systematically purchasing land in Cecil County and around Liseter Hall in

Pennsylvania. After du Pont and his first wife divorced in 1941, he moved to Bellevue Hall, which was close to his offices at the Delaware Trust Corporation.

Du Pont never lost his love of horses and hounds, and he began building a fox chaser's paradise at Fair Hill, the Cecil County lands he had purchased during the 1920s and 1930s. On the racing side of his businesses, du Pont built 23 racetracks in the US, including what are now Delaware Park and the steeplechase course at Fair Hill.

## Building Fair Hill

Starting in the 1920s, du Pont purchased nearly 8,000 acres along the Maryland-Pennsylvania line. During the Great Depression, he increased his holdings by purchasing land from struggling local farmers and then offering them jobs and housing to allow them to continue to farm the lands. He also hired local residents to build fences, jumps, out buildings, and residences within the property.

Du Pont named the Maryland portion of his property Foxcatcher Farm and built another Thoroughbred racing stable there. One of the notable horses that came out of the Foxcatcher operation was 1938 Preakness Stakes winner Dauber.

Located within this section of the property, du Pont also built a turf course modeled after the renowned Aintree in England. He molded the land, planted and seeded it with high quality turf grass, and then let the turf develop for seven years before running horses over it. He even set aside around 400 acres of his Fair Hill property to grow sod grass to maintain the turf track.

The Foxcatcher National Cup debuted in 1934 and included 19 obstacles, the lowest of which was 4'8" and the highest of which was 6'4". Eventually, du Pont would hold two race meets each September. Now run as the Fair Hill Races each May, it is the only steeplechase meet in Maryland where parimutuel betting is offered. Du Pont's famed course recently received a facelift as part of the renovations of the new Fair Hill Special Event Zone. The race meet was suspended for 2020 and 2021 to let the new turf set properly.

In addition to the racing stables and steeplechase course, du Pont built a kennel and accommodations for his huntsman and staff so that he could move his pack of American Foxhounds up from Virginia to Fair Hill. This pack became the Foxcatcher Hounds. For most of the rest of his adult life, du Pont hunted three mornings a week from Fair Hill before heading to work at the bank. The kennels and barns are currently used by Fair Hill Stables.

To protect his hounds and territory, du Pont fenced in the perimeter of the 8,000 acres with

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Katherine O. Rizzo

**A lifesize portrait of William du Pont Jr. hangs at the National Steeplechase Association offices, which are located at Fair Hill.**



Katherine O. Rizzo

**It was du Pont who had the bridges and tunnels built at Fair Hill to allow for fox chasing to continue safely as the roadways expanded through the property.**



provided by Louisa Emerick

**Du Pont moved his hounds to Fair Hill from Virginia in the 1930s and chased foxes three-days a week until his death in 1965. When he could no longer ride, he followed along in a Jeep.**

Special thanks to Louisa Emerick (Fair Hill historian), Sally Goswell (Fair Hill Training Center manager), Maryland DNR and the Fair Hill Foundation for contributions to this article.

## Fair Hill, continued...

a high chain link deer fence and took over the maintenance of public roads through the property in order to build many of the bridges and tunnels still used by horseback riders today.

A businessman to the core, du Pont also created a self-sufficient cattle operation at Fair Hill during World War II. He had the grassland for grazing cattle and making hay as well as the cropland to grow the grain needed to feed the cattle. He even built a grain mill, and silos and barns to store everything. He also created a gravity-fed watering system for the cattle and for an emergency fire system. Many of the bullpens and barns he had built are still standing and are rented out by DNR as turnout paddocks for horses.

Du Pont continued to purchase land through the 1950s. Eventually his aging body traded a horse for a Jeep so he could still follow his hounds. He died on December 31, 1965 at the age of 69.

### Maryland Takes Over Fair Hill

In 1975, the estate of William du Pont Jr. sold the Maryland side of the property to the State of Maryland for \$6 million. The property was purchased using Open Space funds. George Strawbridge, a fox chaser, avid steeplechaser, and heir to the Campbell Soup Company, purchased the

Pennsylvania portion of the property.

During sale negotiations, there was an informal agreement that fox chasing, the Fair Hill Races, the Cecil County Fair, and other small activities could continue on the property. There was not, however, a formal covenant requiring that equine activities remain part of Fair Hill's future. Luckily, the State saw the value of these activities and all are still going strong today.

In 2000, the management of the facility was moved to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources which worked alongside local officials to make Fair Hill a multi-use facility. Collaborating with hiking groups, cycling groups, and equestrian groups, DNR has repaired roads, bridges, buildings and overgrown trails within the park.

Equestrian use of the property was expanded in 1983 when the Fair Hill Training Center was built on 350 acres of the park. The training center was the vision of Thoroughbred trainer Dr. John Fisher who, along with investors and fellow trainers George Strawbridge and Gene Weymouth, signed a 98-year lease with DNR to build and run the facility.

The training center includes an all weather dirt track, Tapeta surface track, turf course, and 18 barns with 490 stalls. In addition, the training center also has on-site veterinarians and the

Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center, which offers state-of-the-art rehabilitation and treatment options such as an AquaPacer and a Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy chamber. Two Kentucky Derby winners (Barbaro in 2006 and Animal Kingdom in 2011) and one Belmont Stakes winner (Union Rags in 2012) have come out of the training center.

### Endless Possibilities

The new Fair Hill Special Event Zone has created endless possibilities for additional activities at Fair Hill. The area, located in what was the steeplechase section of the park, now includes three all-weather competition arenas, a wider turf track and new cross-country jump complexes.

It is this section of the park that will serve as the main location for the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill. In order to maintain the rural and natural aspects of the park, all stabling, vendor tents and spectator seating will be brought in for the event and taken back out when the event has concluded.

The new world-class facility not only brings Fair Hill into the 21st century but also increases the value of Fair Hill and helps boost the economy of Cecil County and Maryland as a whole while preserving the history of this legendary property.



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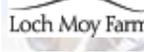
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# SPOTLIGHT ON MARYLAND-BREDS



Jennifer Poole Nesse of Belle Cote Farm in Burtonsville has two Arabian/Thoroughbred crosses and one full Arabian by the Arabian stallion El Taras Kahn. The stallion is owned by Jennifer's mother Debbie Poole. Belle Cote's Kahndera is out of the Arabian mare Codera while Belle Cote's Kismet and Belle Cote's Kahnseco are both out of the Thoroughbred mare Halam Star.



MRK Pumped Up Kicks, a three-year-old Oldenburg colt by Inverness and out of Fleeting Love, is owned and bred by Lorie Richards. Richards also owns the dam, who is a Maryland-bred off-the-track Thoroughbred. Richards and Pumped Up Kicks are shown here at the colt's first show.



Franklins Casanova, an Oldenburg by Franklin and out of GNF Crescendo\*/\*/\*, is owned by Mark Hunter and bred by Gabrielle Cottone.



Cynthia McNemar bred the Oldenburg Royal Casino, pictured here winning the Future Event Horse championship in 2020. The gelding is out of Cynthia's mare Lady Logan and by the stallion Rosentha. Royal Casino is owned by Doug and Cindy Howe.



Lovestruck (aka Violet) is a 2020 Oldenburg NA by Lordanos and out of Remarkable\*. She is pictured here with her dam Remarkable\*, who is by Redwine and out of Quite an Evening. Both mother and daughter are owned and bred by Laurie and Olivia McDowell.

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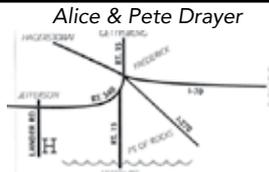
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By Ross Peddicord, Maryland Horse Industry Board with contributions from Lisa Diersen, EQUUS Film Festival

Maryland is proud to welcome America's Horse, the Mustang, on Maryland's portion of America's National Trail during October Horse Month.

Two Mustang-loving women from Montana, Hannah Catalino and Lisanne Fear, are riding 5,000 miles through 12 states with four Mustangs in one year, starting in late September at Lewes, Delaware, and then arriving in Maryland on October 2 at the Celebration of the Horse event at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center at Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne. The ride ends next October in San Francisco and is being filmed as a documentary by the EQUUS Film Festival.

These two riders want American horse people to think "Mustang" for their next horse. There are over 53,000 Mustangs in holding pens waiting for a home. The goal of the ride is to get 5,000 of them adopted.

Already in Maryland, Ann Hanlin from Street staged a Mustang Chal-

lenge Show last month in Harford County. Ann will be joining Hannah and Lisanne as they ride through Maryland. Other riders are welcome to join them as well.

From the Eastern Shore, the ride will go to the Washington, D.C., area with a ride through Rock Creek Park and on to the C & O Canal trail. There will be time set aside for a three-day Liberty clinic October 22-24 at Fox Lea Farm in Barnesville.

There are also plans for a Mustang-themed movie directed by Steve Latham.

To join the Mustangs as they ride through Maryland contact Lisa Diersen, coordinator of the year-long event, at: [lisa@equusfilmfestival.net](mailto:lisa@equusfilmfestival.net)

To participate in the clinic at Fox Lea email Patricia Milligan at: [foxleamini@gmail.com](mailto:foxleamini@gmail.com) or call 202-222-8836.

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Originally when talking about the idea of a thru-ride, we were both envisioning something more like Unbranded, riding in the west from Mexico to Canada. After some research on both the Continental Divide Trail and the Pacific Coast Trail, Hannah realized that both were out of question for her, as she has a genetic disorder called [Sickle Cell Trait](#) which means she can't be in extreme altitudes for an extended period of time.

Lisanne said we'll just have to find another trail that Hannah could ride.

Hannah researched until she came across the coast-to-coast, American Discovery Trail. Although not entirely equestrian friendly, it gave us a starting point. Hannah shared her finding. The other rides would have only taken us a few months to ride, the ADT, expanding close to 5,000 miles, would take a year to complete. Thankfully even when nearly doubling the miles and time that did not faze Lisanne's enthusiasm for riding the trail together.



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Carolyn Arney

Deborah Lindsay Brown with Raven



Sierra Wean of New Windsor participated in the Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair Parade on August 1. The parade is designed to showcase what Carroll County agricultural programs are all about to local community members.



Shawn Paley

Melissa Brashear of The Big Easy (Potomac) competing at Swan Lake in PA this past September.



Angie Leithy

Olivia Wight of Poolesville rode Pegacorn to fourth place in the Seneca Valley Pony Club Fall Horse Trials starter division.



Katie Reed demonstrating Mounted Archery at the Carroll County Fair.



Lauren Signorelli

Seven year old Amelia Signorelli waves to the crowd during the Free Rein Schooling Horse Show at Oak Ridge Park on August 5.



Barbara K. Magrogan

Maryland jockey Sheldon Russell won The Miss Disco Stakes at Pimlico aboard Maryland-bred Malibu Beauty (Buffum x Slow and Steady). The filly is owned by her breeder, ZWP Stable and Non Stop Stable, and is trained by Gary Capuano.



De La Brooke Foxhounds huntsman Kami Cleveland Biffing and MFH Sarah Hruda roading hounds in September.



Eliana Boan riding Darling Daisy at the Olney Farm Event Camp in August.

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Dana Grafft of Frederick and her four-year-old gelding Sparkling Commanda were Reserve Champions in the Non Pro Novice Horse Level 1 and Level 2 at the Keystone Reining Horse Association National Reining Horse Show in Catasauqua, PA.



Melissa McNally of Mt. Airy won the Novice Rider division at the July 18 Full Moon Farm Horse Trials riding Land of Jewels.



Shelby Case gets a hand adjusting her stirrups from Free Rein Equine head trainer Anna Heard at the Free Rein Equine Schooling Show on September 5 in Mechanicsville.

Kelsey Condon, Betty Adams and Carolyn Melody at the Fall Open Blue Ridge Arabian Horse Show, held August 21 at the Harford Equestrian Center in Bel Air.



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Melinda Aileen Soethe sent in this photo of the August Harford County 4H clinic participants.



The Freedom Hill Horse Rescue (Dunkirk) Horsemanship Team rode in the Free Rein Equine Show in Southern Maryland in September. From left: trainer Shaun Gandia, Disa Elliott, Alicia Sullivan, Maya Devan and Linda Stolze.



Seven year old Johnny Wells competed in the Appalachian Trainer Face-off with the rescue pony Simba. This was the first year the competition held a division for kids. Wells' mother Erin O'Neill competed in the professional division for the fourth time.



Tracey Bienemann of Lothian riding Reg the Ledge at the Great Meadow International this past July in the CCI2\*-S division.



Susan Warfield's Cleveland Bays were Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at the Howard County Fair on August 9. Warfield (center) is from Clarksville.

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Melinda Burditt

Southern Maryland Equine Miracles horse Sugar is in training with Courtney Garber of Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue in Mt. Airy.



Jocelyn Ellis and Safe Haven Farm's Tortuga competed in the August Mountain Trail Challenge at Double C Farm in Clarksburg.



Barbara Miller

Isabel Worthy won the Novice division at the 154th Calvert County Jousting Tournament held at Christ Church in Port Republic on August 28.

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Fourth generation jouser Kieran Patrick (age three) of Chestertown spears a ring in the Leadline class at the Calvert County Jousting Tournament in Port Republic on August 28.



Horse Radio Network founders Glenn and John Hebert of Ocala, FL, stopped at Hablyn Equestrian Center in Damascus for a tour of the facility owned and operated by Jaclyn Burke. The Heberts have been traveling around the East Coast to visit the show's listeners.



Lori Harrington

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue trainers and volunteers work with Ultimate Sun (bay with stripe) during a training session at the farm's facility in Calvert County.



Beth Collier

Savannah Fulton of Full Moon Farm (Finksburg) rode Cash Point in the CCI2\*-S division at the Great Meadow International in The Plains, VA.



Donna Booth and Sophie Mumpower stand with trainer/coach Laura Lee Beetle outside the Waredaca Brewing Company after the PVDA at Waredaca shows on September 4-5.



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Adrian Ford of The Big Easy (Potomac) competed Ubelottic to fourth place in the starter division at the Seneca Valley Pony Club Fall Horse Trials on August 29.



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Luke Horah of Rising Sun earned fourth place in the Preliminary Rider division at the Waredaca August Horse Trials riding STF No Doubt.



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Colleen Rutledge of Frederick rode Karisa T to third place in the Novice Horse division at the Waredaca August Horse Trials.



Cathy McElroy of Taneytown was the Reserve Champion in Sr. W/T Speed at the Howard County Fair riding HA Zoomerang.



Safe Haven Equine Warriors in Sykesville held a "Picnic with the Ponies" and movie night in August.



Barbara Miller

Ian Flaherty won the Semi Pro division at the Calvert County Jousting Tournament, held August 28 at Christ Church in Port Republic.

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## Maryland



Full Moon Farm riders Lizzie Burns and Carla Lindsay earned top 10 placings at the American Eventing Championships held in Kentucky. Burns placed sixth in Junior Beginner Novice while Lindsay placed third in the same division.



Sophie Mumpower and her pony Just on Sunday won the High Score Training Level Rider and High Score First Level Rider awards at the PVDA at Waredaca shows, held September 4-5.



Shawn Pailey

Show horses Vendetta and Folsom cuddle between rounds at the BEST August show held at the Prince George's Equestrian Center.



Kayla Rex of Greensboro rides Gunpowder at the Caroline County Joust on September 5



Melinda Burdick

Zynli De'Atley and Rudy won the Southern Maryland Equine Miracles Western Class Championship on September 5 in Dentsville.

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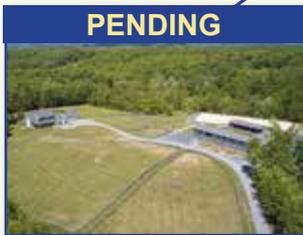
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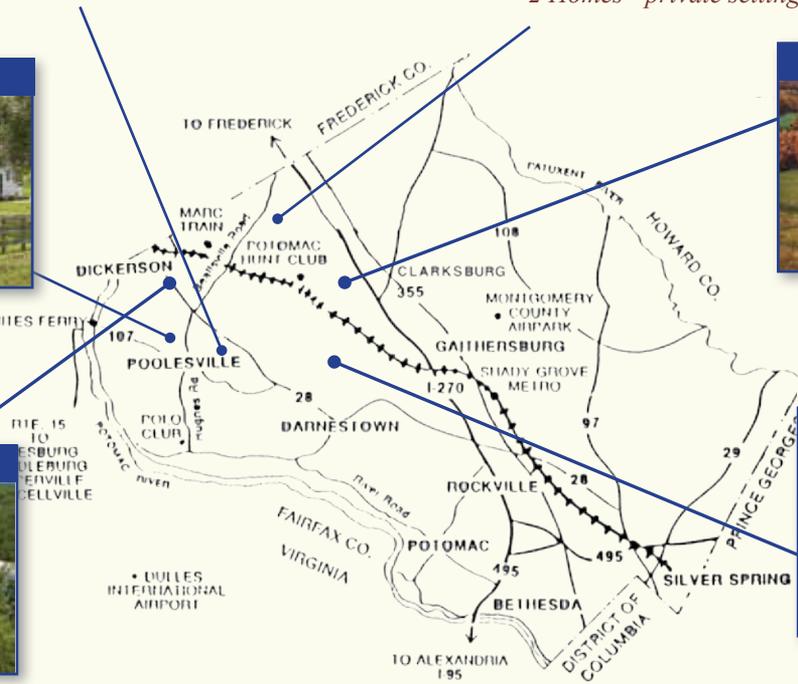
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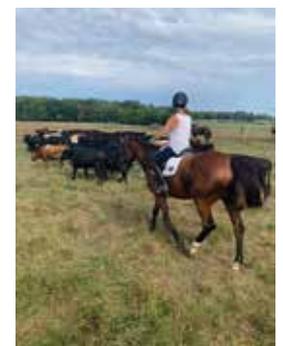
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# NEWS from MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

## BUSINESS NEWS

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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portion of her client base is construction companies and contractors.

Allen launched her own business in 2017 after two decades in tax preparation and accounting. Allen's mother had told her to not pursue a career in the horse industry, but to instead pursue a career that would support her horse habit. Allen earned an undergraduate degree in finance and took a job with a mutual fund company. She picked up tax preparation work in her off hours to pay off her student loans more quickly. She was hooked. "No two tax returns are the same, not

even a simple one with just a W-2. It's like a different puzzle each time." Allen went on to earn an MBA in accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant.

By 2003, Allen was working for Frederick County CPA Gary Smith, who is a long time horse person. In 2009, Allen began doing work with a few small businesses on the side, to help them grow. In 2011 she became an Endorsed Local Provider for the Dave Ramsey Show and her client base rapidly increased, as she specialized in helping clients get out of debt, and then, once out of debt, how to invest their funds going forward - in addition to assisting them with their taxes.

In 2017, Allen hung out her own accounting shingle by purchasing a small practice based in Damascus. Two years later, her business received "Profit First Professionals" certification, which allowed her to move beyond compliance work into coaching clients on profit maximization and financial sustainability.

Allen considers her staff of horsewomen to be the engine of her business. She met **Tracy Barbeito** in 2005 when they both boarded horses at Woodvale Farm (Frederick), and she coaxed her to come into the industry. Barbeito prepares tax returns, does client bookkeeping, and handles numerous back-office duties. Allen met **Alicia Schwartzbeck**, who had a background in bookkeeping, when they were at Breezy Hill Stables (Thurmont).



Welcoming people to the family farm comes easy to new member **Kathy Stumpf**. Her father said "come to the farm" as frequently as "hello." Stumpf's family-run **Valley Meadow Farms Bed & Barn Trails Getaway** in Washington County on Sideling Hill, welcomes riders and their horses for a trails getaway. Riders can stay overnight in the farmhouse or visit for day rides. Stumpf grew up working alongside her father and as a result, she knows every

hill and valley, creek and view on the farm. She has created a 30-mile trail system for guests to enjoy. Stumpf had owned and operated a florist shop in Middle River for 25 years before moving back to Sideling Hill. When she's not greeting guests, she is playing with her cows and chickens or gardening, and like her parents, she looks forward to welcoming Equiry readers and MHC members out for a visit.



One might consider **Clover Luck Stables** an "accidental stable." **Stephanie Williams** did not start out intending to have a lesson stable. It just sort of...happened. In a "lucky" sort of way.

Like many of her generation, Williams has multiple income streams. She has owned the thriving Artistic Director of Drama Learning Center in Columbia for 15 years, while simultaneously buying and re-schooling horses for sale out of her family's small farm on Folly Quarter Road in Ellicott City. She also gave private lessons on her own horses.

This feature is a benefit for MHC Industry Professional Members. To learn more or submit news & updates, contact Business Network Co-Chairs Jane Seigler & Crystal Brumme Pickett at [IndustryNews@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:IndustryNews@mdhorsecouncil.org)

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# ABOUT MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP



When the Columbia Horse Center wound down its operations in 2018 and relocated to Woodland Horse Center, the Columbia Association brought Williams in to oversee the dispersal and sale of the lesson horses. She placed about 30 of the horses with private owners, and the remainder were slated to go to auction. Williams used her commissions to purchase the remaining horses, which now make up the majority of her 18-horse lesson barn. She could not accommodate her new herd in her four-stall Folly Quarter barn, so began leasing nearby properties.

When the pandemic arrived, William's theatre closed down but her lesson program blossomed. Stephanie has consolidated Clover Luck Stables and is now operating out of Springhill Stables in Burtonsville while she and her life partner explore properties that would suit their business and personal needs. Despite the increased demand for riding lessons, Williams is committed to maintaining a low ratio of horses to clients. "[Our horses] work a maximum 5 days a week, though many are working less." She is also committed to bring riders in the show world. "We began attending local and rated hunter/jumper horse shows as a team this summer, and it is a delight to see our horses and riders working so well together." Her priority is "always on giving the horse the best experience possible. Though showing is something we enjoy, all of our riders understand that the main focus of our program is strong horsemanship and improving riding skills so that we can communicate with our horses more effectively."



The owners of Fox Lea Farm, originally a private farm in western Montgomery County, realized they had more stalls than they needed, so they did as so many others have done: they began taking in a few boarders eager to enjoy the facilities. They had space available, however, so **Patricia Milligan** (the horse person) and Michael Fox (the supportive husband) decided to look for a rescue horse. They found Owen, a sickly miniature horse, and his buddy Bodhi, a miniature donkey. Thus was born the **Fox Lea Farm Mini Equine Rescue**.

Fox Lea is excited to host rides Hannah Catalino and Lianne Fear for a clinic in October. The duo are riding Mustangs from Washington, D.C., to California along the American Discovery Trail to promote the adoption of wild mustangs. As we discussed in some detail in our Letter from the Presidents on page 7, and as Ross Peddicord, Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, explains more comprehensively in his article on page 41, the goal of the Mustang ride is to get 5,000 of the 53,000 Mustangs currently in pens adopted.

In future issues, we will meet new industry professional members Elizabeth Yeager of Yeager Homes, Marlene Perricone of Briella Farm, Ken Moss of Kingdom Trailers, Jon Morlock of Traveled Lane Trailers, Amy Posey of Fiddlers Folly Farm, and Gina Robb of No Guts No Glory Farm.

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# LIFE & TIMES

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## MARYLAND WILL MISS...

**Michael Cosgrove**, husband of longtime Goshen Hounds member Linda Cosgrove, died on August 8 from ALS. He was an active part of the club's winning Clay Shooting team.

**Marjory "Bodgie" Fair Read** died on August 18 in Hockessin, DE. Born in Washington, DC, Bodgie grew up in Middleburg, VA; Merion, PA; and Aiken, SC. She started riding horses as a child in Aiken, and she never stopped. She attended Bryn Mawr College and graduated in 1955 with a BS in Biology. She went on to work for DuPont's Haskell Laboratory as a toxicologist. She married Robert Read in 1955, and together they raised two children, Katherine and Howard.

Read was active in US Pony Club through several positions within the Delmarva Region. She was a riding instructor and Director of



**Bodgie Read**

Riding at Sanford School for more than 10 years, and she helped start the Sunny Hills Pony Club. She retired from the Delmarva Region in 2020 after 41 years of volunteer work. She was honored by USPC as being the longest continuously serving Regional Supervisor in the history of USPC.

Read also volunteered for more than 20 years at Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program and spent more than 30 years as the Dressage Scheduler and Organizer at Fair Hill International. She volunteered in the vet box, as a course flagger, sign maker, and anything else FHI needed through the years. Read was awarded the very first Volunteer of the Year award at the 2015 Dutta Corp. Fair Hill International. Read was also honored with the Maryland Horse Council Pumphrey Memorial Award at the MHC 20Th Anniversary Party in 2005.

## BRIDAL PATHS



Best wishes to **Emily Wilson**, a Program Manager at Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and **Joel Calvert Greenwell Sr.**, who were married on May 22 at her family's Obligation Farm in Harwood.

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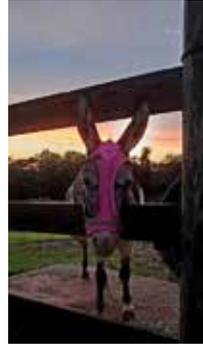
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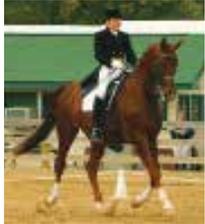
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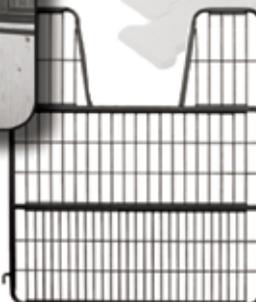
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