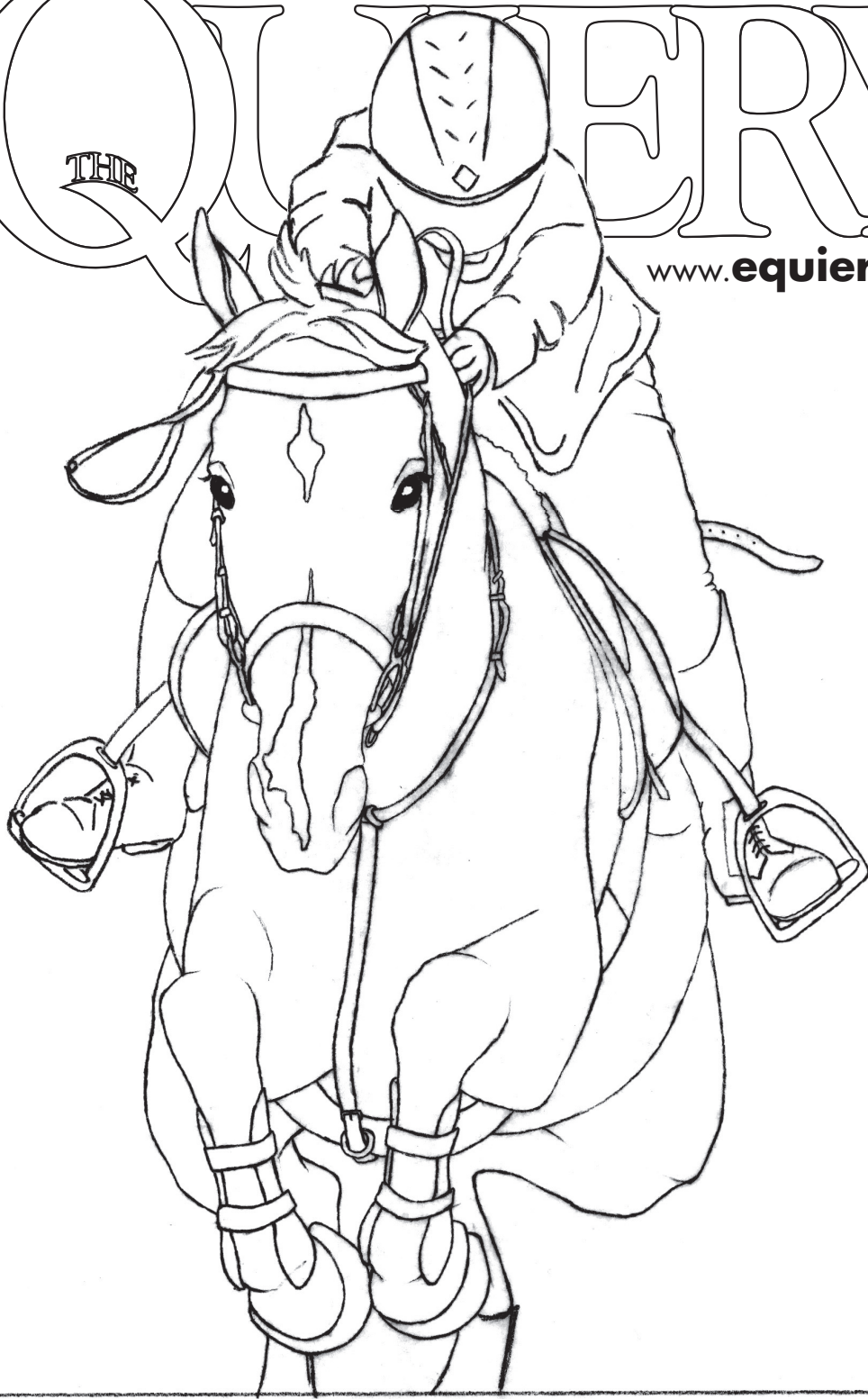


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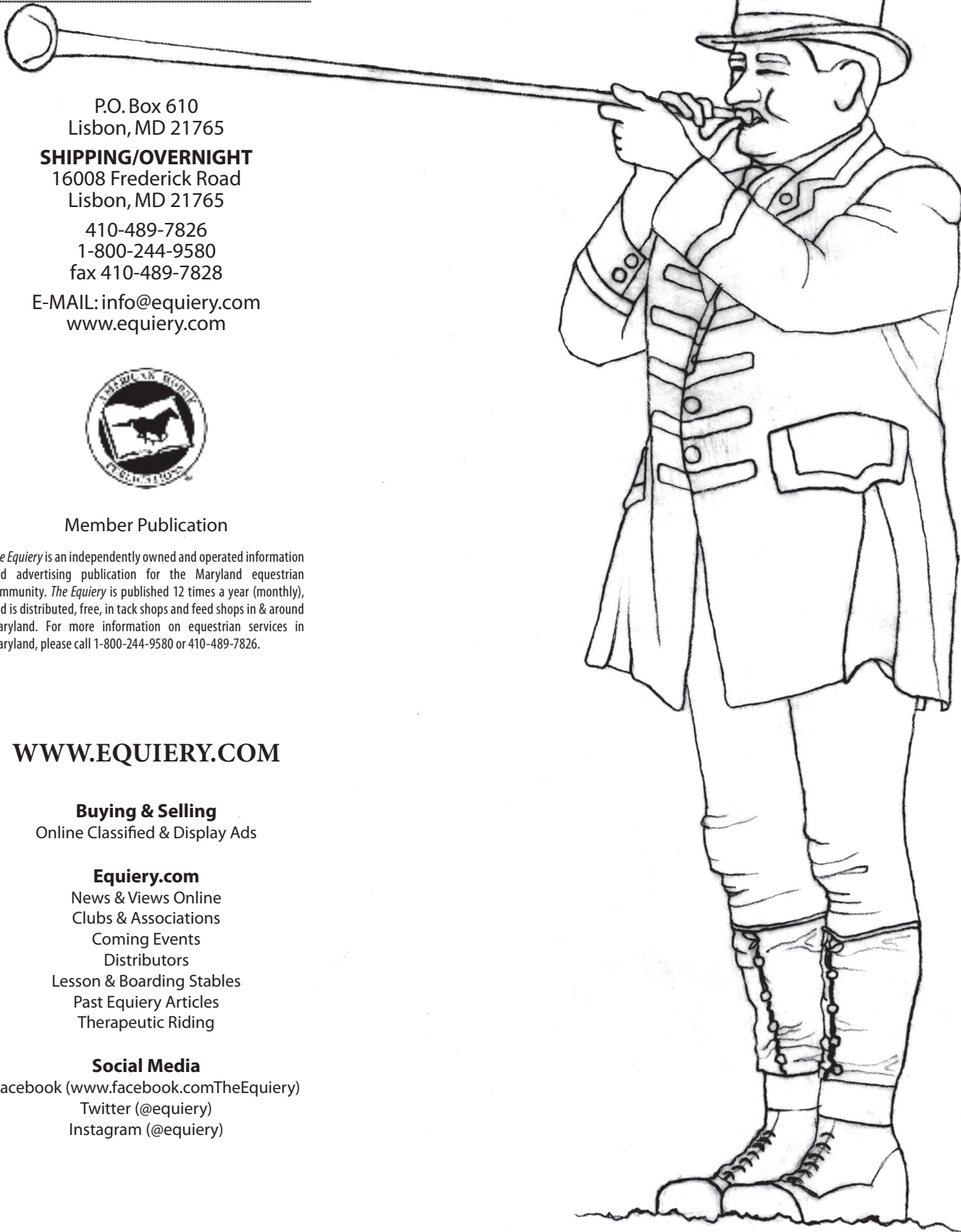
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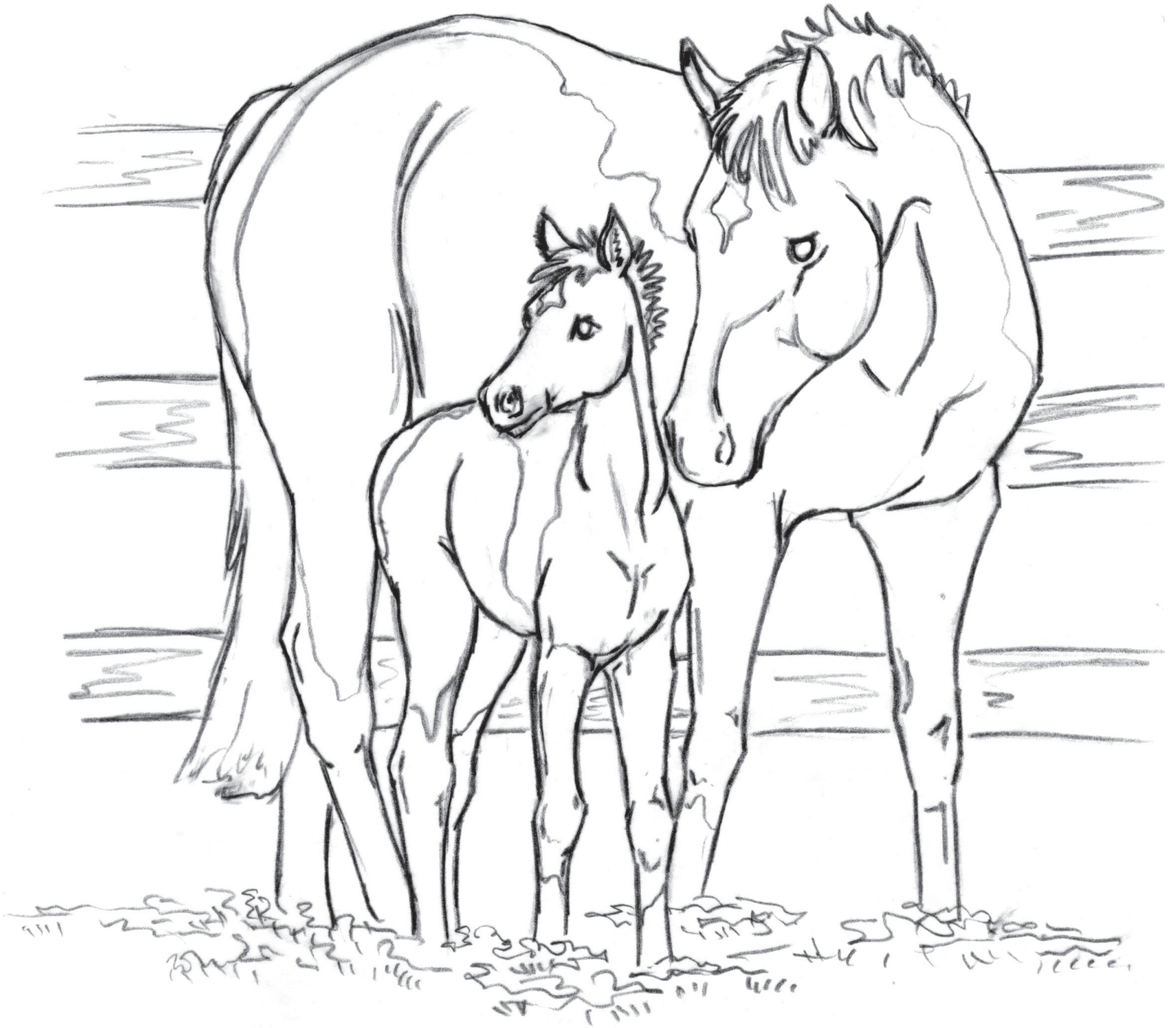
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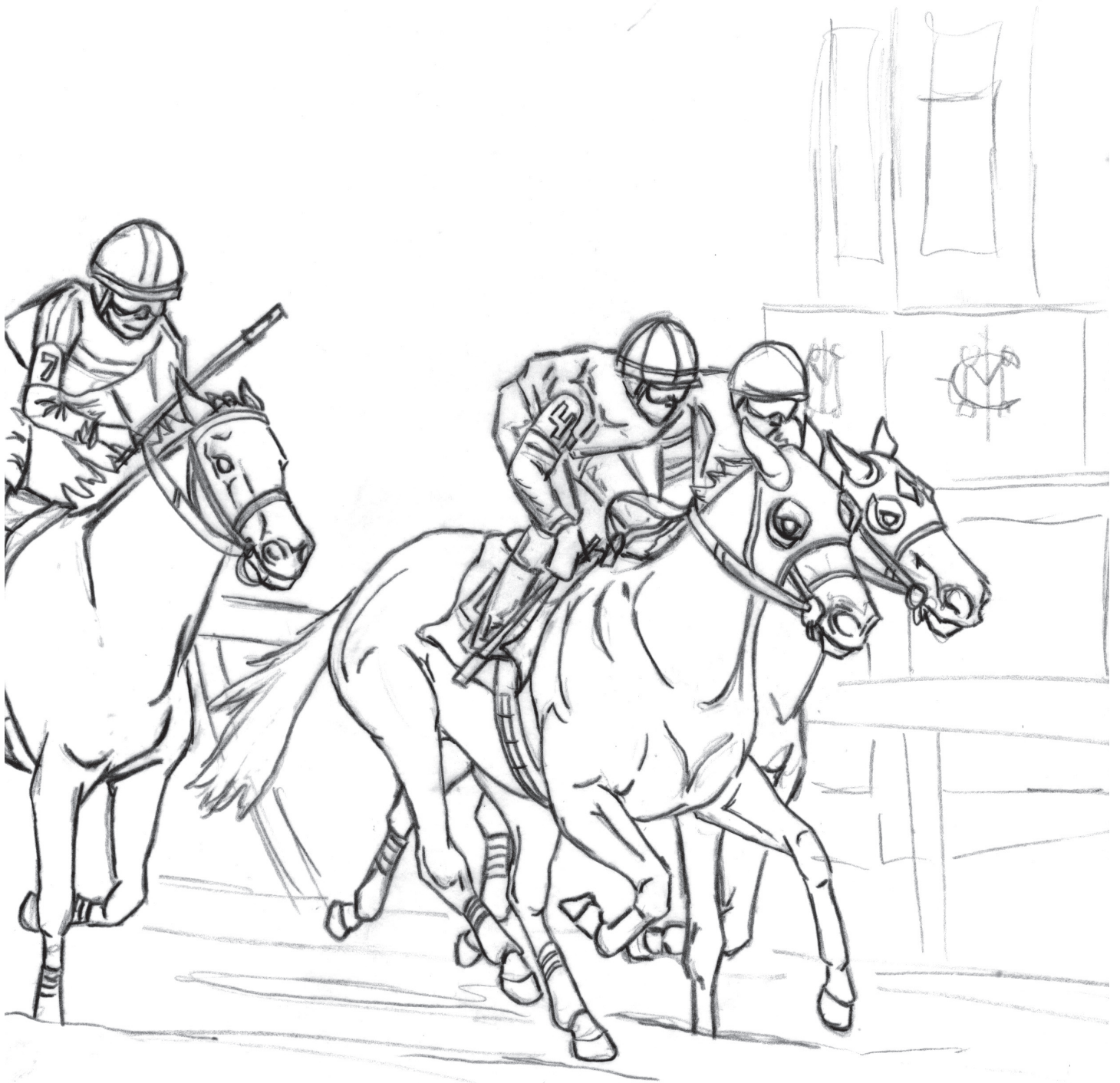
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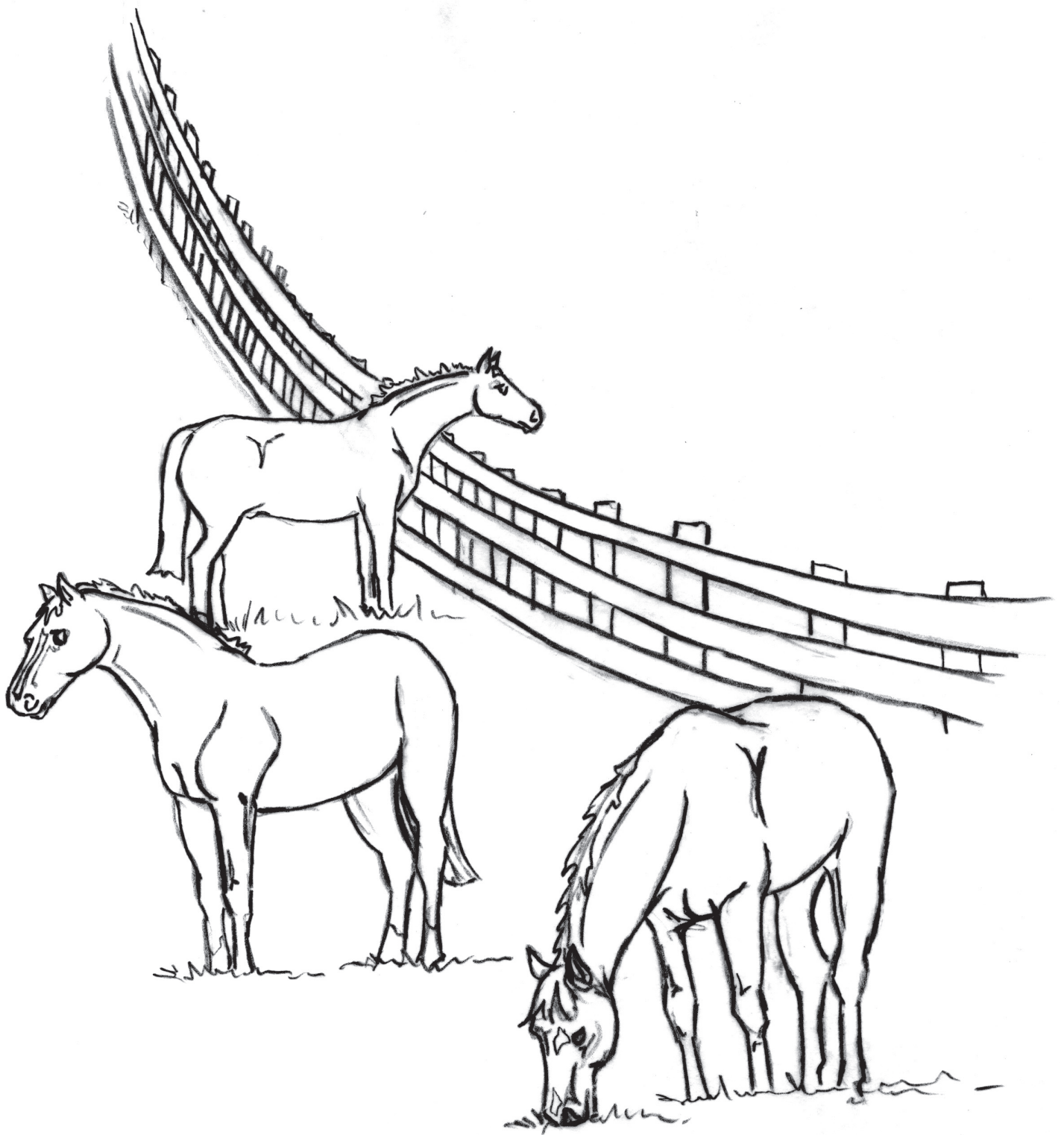
The competition schedule at the Washington International Horse Show, held in Washington, DC each October, boasts hunter and jumper classes for kids, adult amateurs and professionals. To purchase tickets to WIHS, go to [equiery.com](http://equiery.com) and click on "Spectator Events."



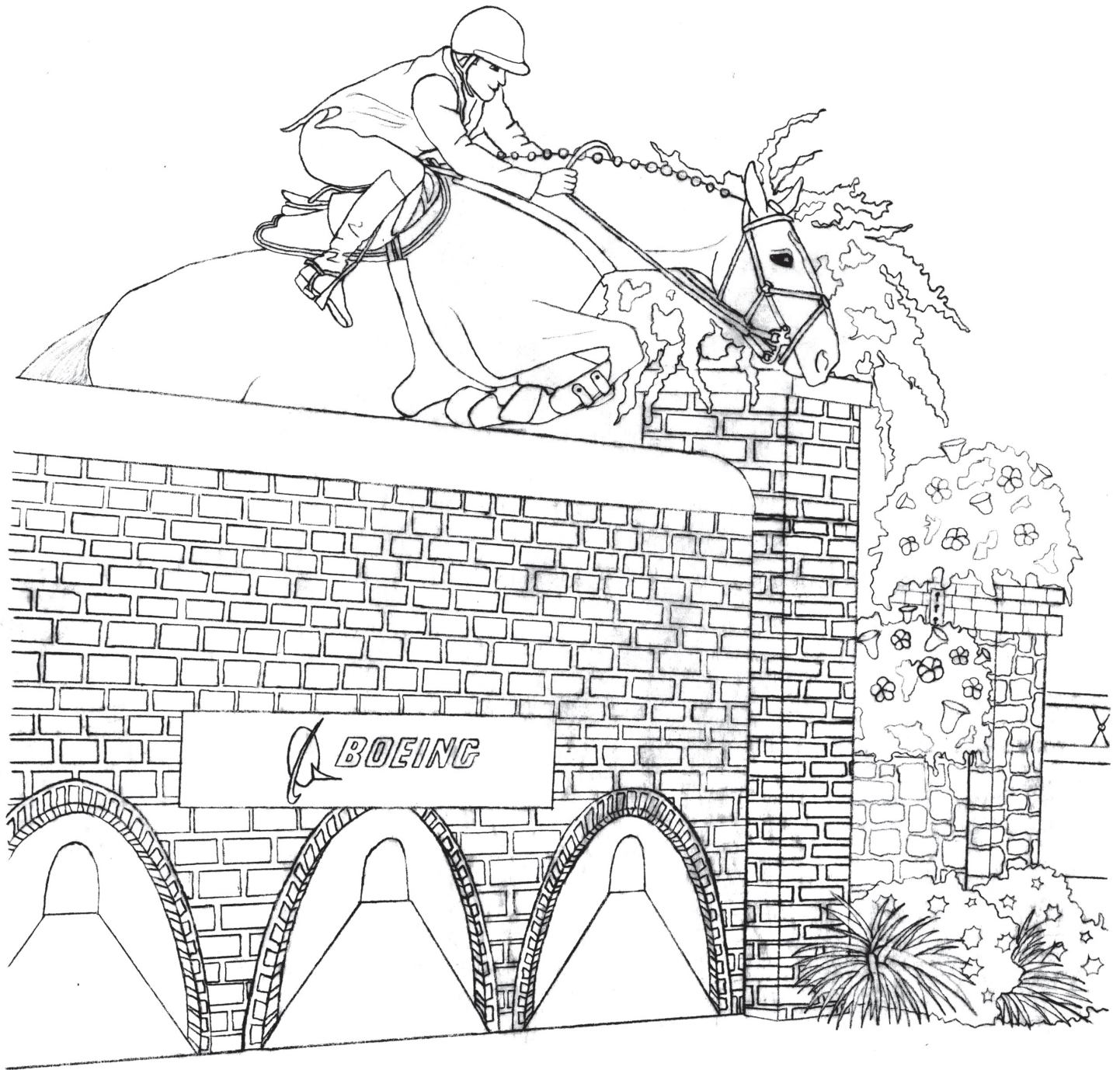
Maryland is home to hundreds of breeding farms throughout the state. Although the Thoroughbred is the state's official horse, many breeds are represented in Maryland including Quarter Horses, various Warmbloods, Miniature Horses and Mules.



Maryland's official horse breed is the Thoroughbred. Our state is home to two major Thoroughbred training centers, Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton and the Bowie Training Center in Bowie, as well as three Thoroughbred flat tracks: Pimlico, Laurel and Timonium. Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore is home to the Preakness Stakes (G1), the second leg of the Triple Crown as well as the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) for fillies.



587,000 acres, or nearly 10%, of Maryland land is owned and/or controlled by Maryland horse owners and their families.  
188,000 acres are strictly devoted to horses.

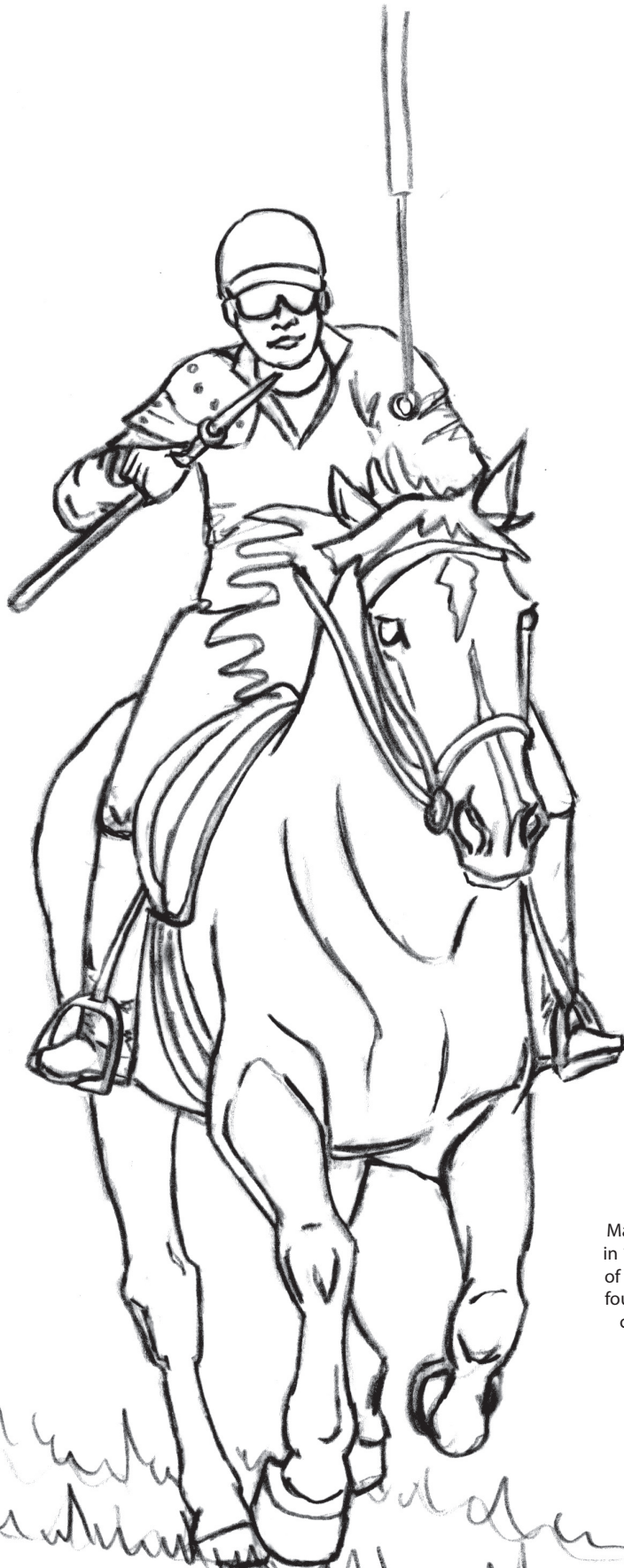


The Washington International Horse Show is the country's leading metropolitan indoor equestrian event and is one of the few shows in the country that still offers a Puissance, or High Jump, class. The current WIHS record of 7' 7 1/2" is still held by the Thoroughbred Sweet 'n' Low and was set in 1983 by rider Anthony D'Ambrosio.

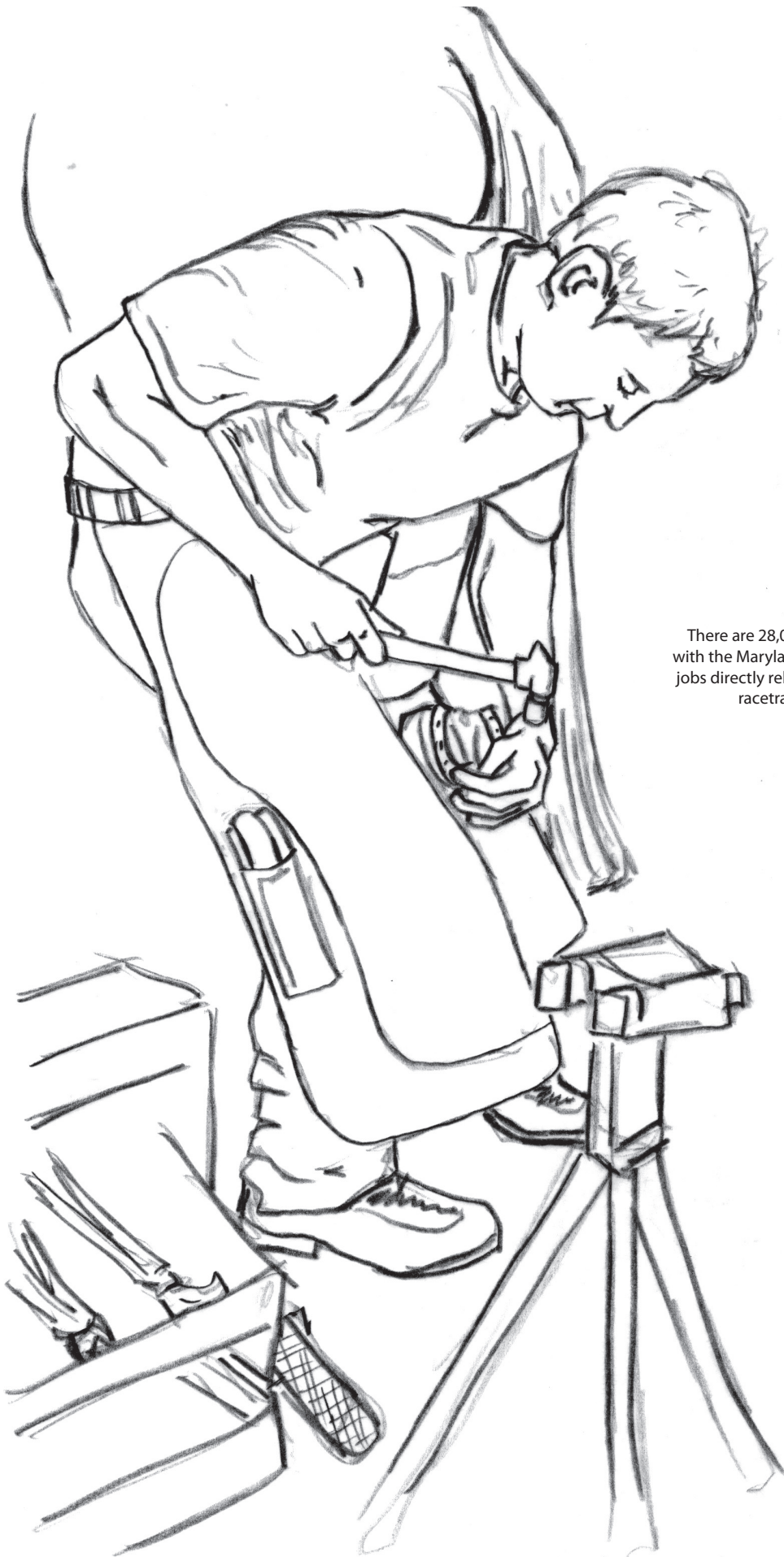


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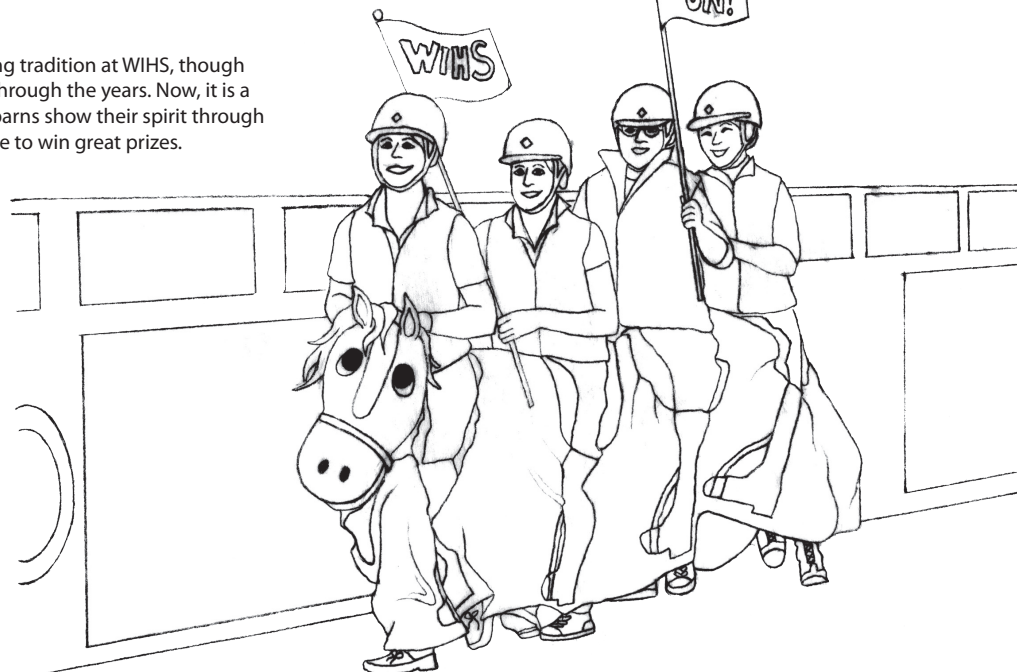
Maryland designated jousting as its official state sport in 1962. This medieval sport became a favorite pastime of Maryland settlers back in 1634 when Lord Baltimore founded the original colony on the shores of St. Mary's county. The sport is still practiced today with many tournaments throughout the state.



There are 28,000 full and part time jobs directly associated with the Maryland horse industry. Additionally, there are 6,310 jobs directly related to operational horse farms, not including racetracks and trade and support industries.



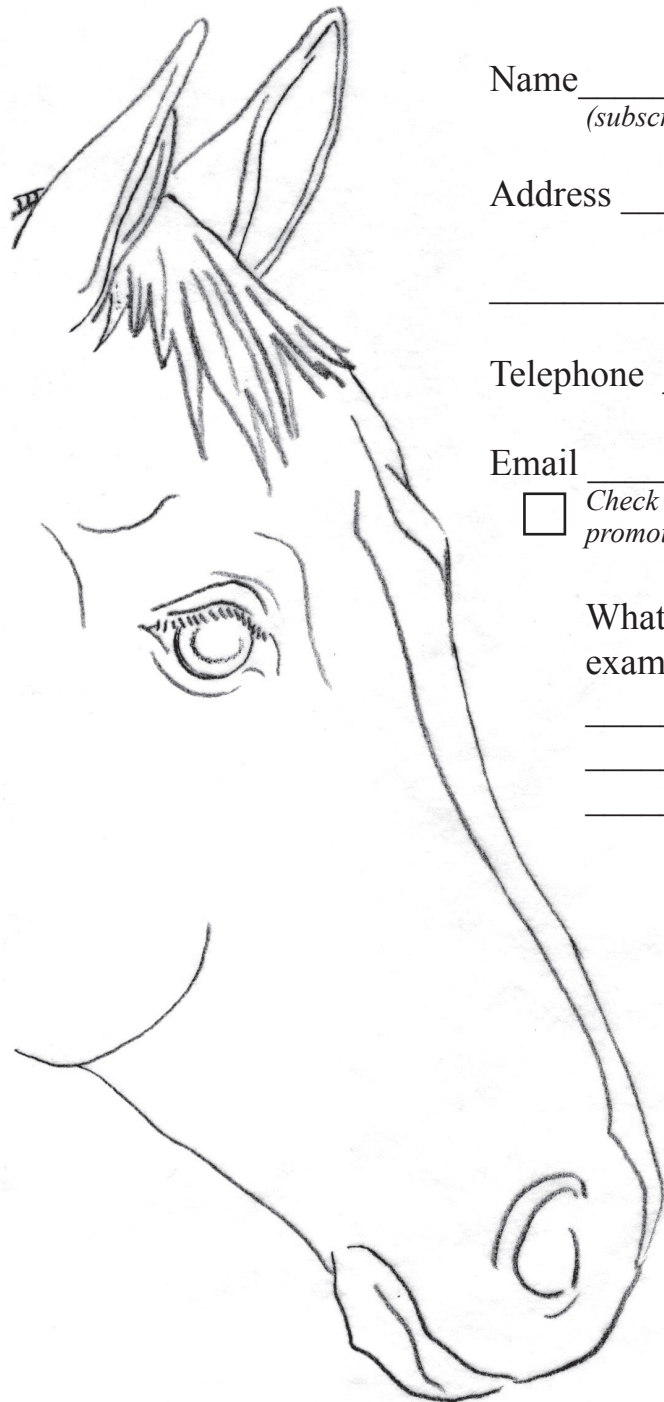
The Costume class is a long standing tradition at WIHS, though the format and day have changed through the years. Now, it is a highlight of Barn Night, where local barns show their spirit through costumes, banners and more to win great prizes.



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