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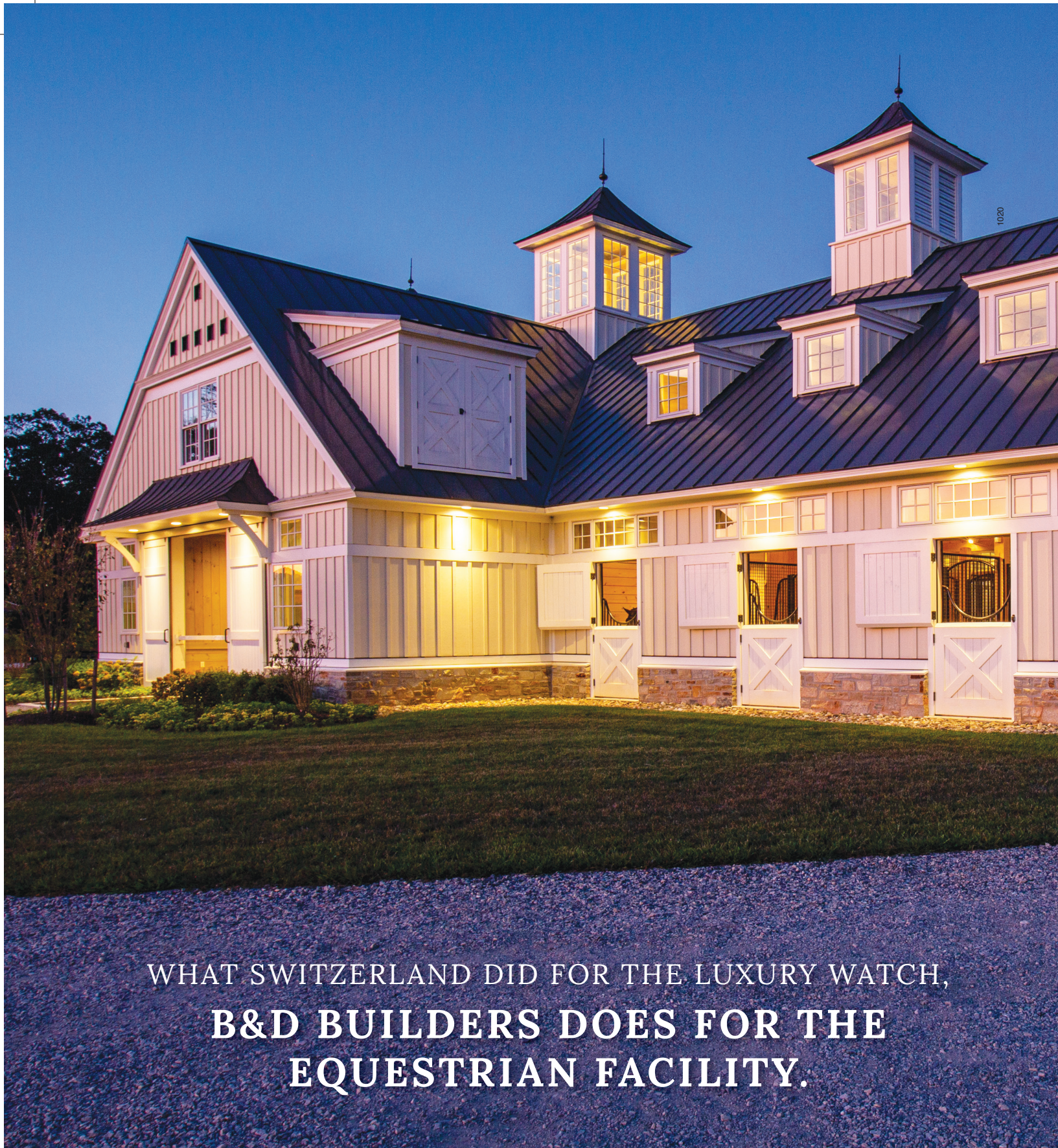
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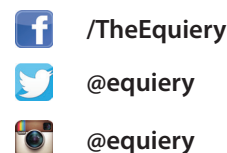
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The Equiery's annual awards issue is once again filled with Marylanders who have earned local and national year-end awards and championship titles. One such winner is featured on this month's cover: the 16-year-old Riley Wiltson, who earned the USEF Champion Horse of the Year - Combined Driving Intermediate Single Pony title with his Connemara pony Willow's Aslan. Read more about this incredible pair on page 23 of this issue! Cover photo by Pics of You.



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- Improve and maintain lands related to horses (including but not limited to farmland, parkland and open space)
- Enhance existing and create new networks within the community
- Enhance internal communication within the community
- Provide a unified voice to state legislators and regulators
- Provide a template for state-level relationships that can be executed at the county-level by MHC members

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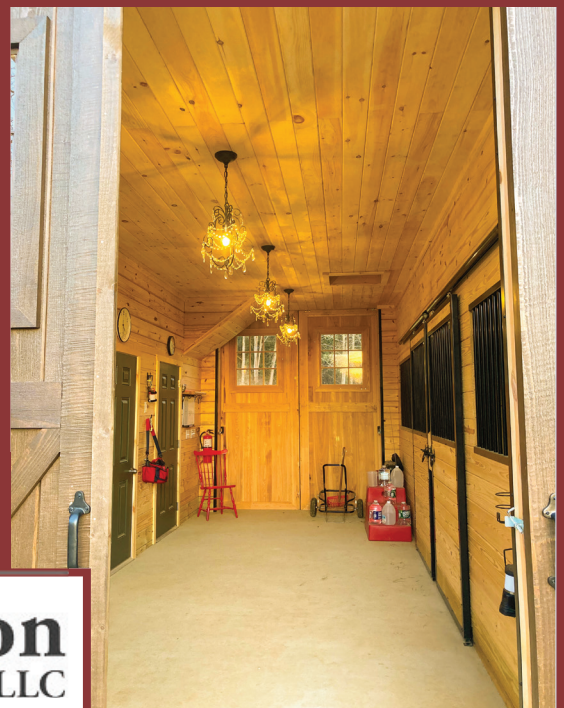
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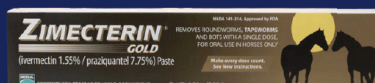
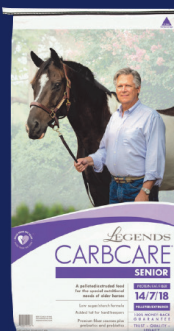


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The 442nd session of the Maryland General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 13, under conditions never before seen. The Senate Chamber has been divided up into tiny plexiglass cubicles for each Senator. The House "floor" is spread out over several spaces in the Statehouse, to allow for social distancing when floor votes are required. Hearings, debates, and votes, at least initially, will be conducted remotely. But for the first time, virtually all proceedings will be live-streamed for public viewing. The legislative buildings are, for the most

part, closed to the public until further notice. The public may still testify on bills, but oral and written testimony will be digital.

Another huge change is that for the first time since 1970, the General Assembly will convene without the towering presence of former Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, who succumbed, at 78, to prostate cancer on January 15. He was the longest serving state senate president in the nation, and a great friend to Maryland horse people.

The Horse Council's Government Relations Committee conducts one of the most important missions of the Council: representing our members in the halls of government. In this column, we will report on

- the bills that have been introduced in Annapolis as of this writing; and,
- some of the recent federal COVID relief legislation that may affect the equestrian community and the horse industry.

A number of bills were "pre-filed" before the session convened; more can and will be introduced until early March (unless there is an early COVID-related adjournment as there was last year). In a typical year, the legislature will consider as many as 3000 bills in its three month session.

Bills of possible interest:

ANIMAL WELFARE

UNATTENDED DOGS (HB 81/SB 122). Making it a misdemeanor to leave a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to "continuous suitable shelter" during extreme weather conditions (over 90 degrees and below 32 degrees). The bill makes an exception for dogs that are lawfully and actively engaged in hunting, livestock herding, sledding, sporting or training.

TRAINING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS (HB 281/SB 159). Requiring new Humane Society and Animal Control officers to receive 80 hours of training in animal care within the first 12 months of their employment, and existing officers to receive 6 hours of training.

ORGANIZED WILDLIFE KILLING CONTESTS (HB 293/SB 200). Making it a finable offense to "sponsor, conduct, or participate in a contest organized in the state that has the objective of killing a coyote, fox, or raccoon for prizes or monetary rewards." No-kill fox chasing would not qualify. Also exempts "killing coyotes, foxes, or raccoons on property of the landowner, provided that the killing is not part of an organized contest" as well as "lawful dog training or dog performance competitions."

ANIMAL SHELTER EUTHANASIA PROTOCOL (HB 381).

Imposing a protocol to be followed by an animal shelter before it euthanizes an animal; requiring animal shelters to take "reasonable steps to achieve a 90 percent save rate"; and generally requiring animal shelters to exhaust all other options before euthanasia. Excludes "animals experiencing irremediable physical suffering."

EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING AND THERAPY

THERAPY HORSE DEFINITION (SB 284). Defining "therapy horse" for purposes of the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program as "a horse determined appropriate for interactions with veterans by a stable licensed by the state that . . . is a Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH, Inc.) premier accredited member center; or has Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) certified professionals who provide services to veterans."

NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUNTING

RIGHT TO HUNT (SB 318). Declaring that the General Assembly intends to preserve "a right to hunt" subject to restrictions as may be imposed by law. Includes findings that hunting is an important part of Maryland's economy and contributes to wildlife and natural resource conservation.

SUNDAY HUNTING QUEEN ANNE'S (HB 225). Permitting Sunday hunting in Queen Anne's County for any game bird or game mammal during the open season for that game bird or game mammal. Private land only.

SUNDAY HUNTING TALBOT (HB 325). Permitting Sunday hunt-
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ing in Talbot County, for deer, on every Sunday from first Sunday in October to the second Sunday in January. Includes public and private land. Also permitting Sunday hunting on one Sunday of the spring turkey season if participating in a junior hunt.

SUNDAY HUNTING CALVERT (SB 356). Permitting Sunday hunting in Calvert County on “each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons.” Includes public and private land.

For reference, 2020-2021 Maryland hunting seasons can be found here: https://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf

TAX CREDIT FOR DEER DONATION (HB 7). Expanding eligibility for a State income tax credit for deer donation expenses to include expenses incurred by an individual who hunts and harvests an antlerless deer in Montgomery County and who donates the deer carcass to the Montgomery County deer donation program.

If you would like more information about these bills, or how you can express your viewpoint, contact us at admin@mdhorsecouncil.org; (844) MDHORSE (844-634-6773).

New Federal COVID Relief Measures

After many months of debate in Congress, a new round of federal COVID relief measures became law on December 27 as part of a larger federal spending bill. This will allow more financial assistance to first time (those who did not receive a PPP loan before August 8, 2020) and “second draw” applicants, with a special focus on small businesses. “Second draw” applicants are those who previously received a PPP loan and will have used all the proceeds of the first loan before the second draw loan is disbursed.

To be eligible for a second draw PPP loan, a business must have been

eligible for the first round of the PPP, or be an independent contractor, self-employed individual, sole proprietor, nonprofit organization, veteran’s organization, Tribal business concern, housing cooperative, small agricultural cooperative, eligible 501(c)(6) organization, or eligible nonprofit news organization that:

- Has 300 or fewer employees;
- Has used or will use the full amount of its original PPP loan, if applicable; and
- Demonstrates at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts, calculated based upon first, second or third quarters of 2020 as compared to 2019.

The types of forgivable expenses permitted under the PPP (i.e., payroll costs, mortgage, rent, and utility payments), have been expanded to include certain other operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures, including personal protective equipment to comply with COVID-19 federal health and safety guidelines, incurred during the covered period. The maximum loan amount in most cases is \$2,000,000, based on average monthly payroll. Independent contractors, sole proprietors the self-employed and others who do not issue a structured payroll and who file a Schedule F have a special method for calculating the loan amount. For complete details, see two new Small Business Administration Interim Final Rules: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Paycheck-Protection-Program-as-Amended-by-Economic-Aid-Act.pdf>; and <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Second-Draw-Loans.pdf>.

The lending institutions who provide the forgivable loans will now include more small lenders such as credit unions and, notably, farm credit institutions. Applications are open through March 31, 2021.

The Act also makes clear that business expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans are tax-deductible.

A detailed discussion of all the provisions of the new PPP provisions can be found here: <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/round-three-of-the-ppp-the-new-stimulus-1044128/>; and here: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>.

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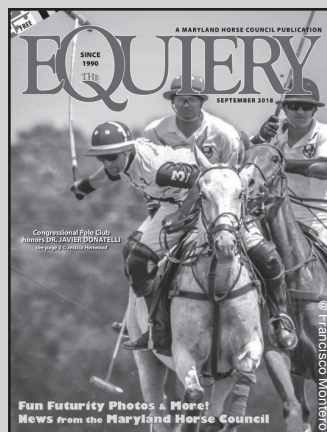
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MHIB Announces Grant Winners

This year, the Maryland Horse Industry Board has awarded \$30,000 in grants to 33 organizations and equestrian operations. The grants committee selected projects from a pool of 41 applicants. Funding for the MHIB annual grants comes from the Maryland Feed Fund, which collects \$6 on every ton of horse feed sold in the state. The Feed Fund was established in 2002 allowing MHIB to award nearly \$600,000 in grants to over 400 projects thus far.

Several of this year's grants were awarded to pandemic-related projects, including funding for virtual learning kits, videos being produced by equine educational programs, and financial aid given to replenish a hay/grain bank that helped licensed stables during the pandemic. Other projects are related to industry requests from the 2019 Maryland Horse Forum, therapeutic riding programs, trail riding, ambulance rescue initiatives, and help for diverse equestrian disciplines like Western riding, pony breeding, and retired racehorses.

Project proposals were evaluated based on their value to the industry, degree of industry promotion, size and scope of activity, financial need, potential for matching funds, benefits, and overall quality of the written presentation. Grants are capped at \$3,000 in order to award funds to as many groups as possible. Eligible projects should have a completion date no later than June 30, 2021. Grant recipients are required to file a project report with the Board detailing how the money was used.

The following organizations and equestrian operations received 2021 MHIB grants.

- 4Steps Therapeutic Riding
- Airy Hill Stables
- Black & White Cookie
- Camp Letts Equestrian Center
- Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding
- Courageous Hearts Horsemanship
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue
- Equine Rescue Ambulance (Fair Hill Unit)
- Fair Hill Foundation
- Fair Hill International
- Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding
- Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding
- GAIT Inc.
- Green Horse Enterprises
- Historical Society of Harford County
- Kent Agriculture Center
- Lifeline Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation
- Maryland Fund for Horses
- Maryland Horse Council
- Maryland Horse Foundation
- Maryland Pony Breeders
- Maryland Therapeutic Riding
- Potomac Hunt Foxchasing School
- Retired Racehorse Project
- Stables at Winters Run
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding
- Thurmont Riding Club
- Tuckahoe Equestrian Center
- UMD 4-H Youth Department
- UMD Extension (Baltimore Co. Ag Center)
- US Pony Racing
- Valley Meadow Farms

A synopsis of each project is available at <https://mda.maryland.gov/horseboard/Pages/grants.aspx>

Bruton Street Wins in Ireland

While the steeplechase community was still buzzing over champion trainer Jonathan Sheppard's announcement of his retirement while campaigning a string of horses in Ireland, it was the partners of Bruton Street V that found themselves in the winner's circle at the Leopardstown Christmas Festival in Dublin, Ireland, on December 26.

Bruton Street V is the European arm of Bruton Street-US, the 2020 National Steeplechase Association champion owner. Partners in Bruton Street include Mike Hankin, Charlie Fenwick, Charlie Noell, Ben Griswold and others. Their five-year-old French-bred gelding Franco De Port ran away to a 4 ½ length upset in the Racing Post Novice Chase. Bryan Cooper was in the irons for trainer Willie Mullins.

Trainer Barred from Racing in Maryland and Other States

On Saturday, January 9, the New York Racing Association barred trainer Eric Guillot from racing on its circuit for changing the name of one of his horses to a racial slur and taunting African American analyst Ken Rudolph, who works for the horse racing network TVG.

According to the *New York Times*, the owners of the horse in question at the time were unaware of the name change and have since fired Guillot as their trainer. Its new owner, Lawrence Roman stated, "We don't want racism in this sport." He has since changed the horse's name to Respect For All.

The Stronach Group, which owns the tracks here in Maryland, has also banned Guillot from racing horses at their tracks.

IHSA Cancels 2021 Postseason

The Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association board of directors has decided to cancel the 2021 IHSA postseason, which includes the Hunter Seat Zone Finals, Western Semi-Finals and the National Championship Horse Show due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With the ongoing pandemic and numbers on the rise, the board voted with the safety

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TEC Memorial Weekend

Each November, the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center hosts a fall event in honor of founder Cindy Berkey. The 2020 Memorial Weekend and Harvest Auction was a huge success in spite of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Participants had their temps taken, answered all the appropriate health questions, and plied themselves with disinfectant. Everyone masked up too. TEC is once again indebted to Dale Kinnamon and Terry Fewless, Harvest Auction organizers, for their tireless efforts in making this highlight of this annual weekend possible. TEC would like to thank everyone who supported TEC during this annual Memorial Weekend. Their smiles and good will, combined with the perfect weather, created a fun and profitable event for TEC. - *Joyce Bell, TEC*

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and well-being of the membership in mind,” said IHSA Executive Director Peter Cashman.

In addition, the board announced that the IHSA will offer two online horse shows through DigitalHorseShow.com during the spring semester. IHSA hosted a digital horse show during the fall semester of 2020 that was very successful.

THA Statement on Passage of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act

On December 22, 2020, Alan Foreman, Chairman of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, issued the following statement on the recent passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act on behalf of THA:

“The passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is the culmination of a collec-

tive effort of liked-minded industry organizations who fostered compromises in an effort to achieve uniform and necessary mandated medication, testing and safety standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of our horses and maintain the integrity of our sport above reproach. We have quietly, but forcefully,

participated in this effort, and appreciate that we had the ability to participate at the congressional level through Majority Leader McConnell and Congressmen Barr, Tonko and Pallone. Although the bill is not perfect and has caused some concerns that we understand, it is clear that this new paradigm for the industry is necessary if we are serious about the future of our sport. We are particularly pleased that the original bill was expanded to mandate safety and welfare standards for our horses as we have been doing in the Mid-Atlantic region, and a better-defined role for USADA that speaks to their strengths and our needs.

As we've said previously, we intend to roll up our sleeves and collaborate with our industry partners and the new Authority to achieve a seamless transition. While change is never easy and valid concerns must be addressed and resolved, we are at a critical time for our industry. The enactment of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act provides us with a unique opportunity to change the image of our sport and engender confidence in the future.”



COVID Relief Shout-Out

Little Liberty (pictured) and the other Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding horses would like to thank Delaplaine Foundation Inc. for their awesome grant to provide feed, farrier care and veterinarian services during our program's temporary shut-down from COVID.

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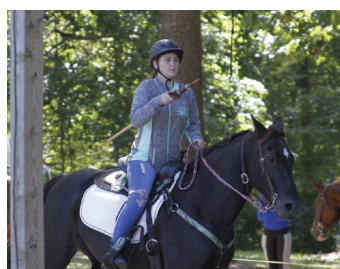


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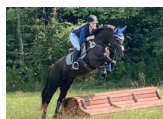
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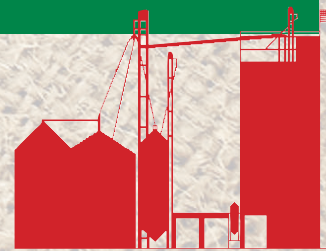
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By Katherine O. Rizzo

According to champion international driver Tracey Morgan, the sport of Combined Driving is “a sport for all ages,” however, it is mostly dominated by drivers in their late 30s and early 40s. Morgan herself, did not start driving until later in life after having competed in Eventing and Dressage. “Driving is great for those equestrians who want to continue doing something fun but may not want to jump all the big jumps anymore,” she said.

So how is it then that the top single pony driver in the country for the 2020 season is only 16 years old!

Why Driving?

Riley Wiltson was introduced to the sport of Driving by neighbor Cynthia Doll while he was in 4-H riding her ponies. “Cynthia also had driving ponies and asked me if I wanted to go for a ride on the back of the carriage,” Wiltson said. “I really liked it so she taught me to drive and let me start driving one of her Welsh ponies, Dollhouse Shenanigans.”

Just like that, Wiltson was hooked. By the time he was nine years old, Wiltson was entered in his first official Combined Driving competition, a Horse Driving Test (HDT) at the Teddy Bear Picnic, hosted by the Brandywine Driving Club. A HDT has a shorter marathon course than the traditional Combined Driving Event (CDE) competitions. “I was only nine years old so I wasn’t old enough to do a recognized event like an American Driving Society (ADS) or United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) one. Cynthia had to convince the organizers to let me do the marathon. I was really slow compared to now, but it was a lot of fun,” he remarked.

Combined Driving is a three-phase competition similar to Eventing in that it starts with dressage, then a cross-country type phase called the marathon, and then finish with cones, which would be similar to show jumping. However, unlike Eventing which is ridden, in Combined Driving, the competitor is driving a cart behind that horse. Wiltson explained that there are four levels to Combined Driving:

Maryland Youth Tops National Driving Championship

Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced. “Marathon is my favorite because it is cross-country through obstacles as fast as you can go,” he said.

Getting Serious

Morgan met Wiltson and his family early in his driving career when she saw him driving at a local event. “He has the ability to focus very well,” she said adding, “He is above average in his ability to focus on the animal and the challenges of the sport.” Being impressed by his advanced skills at such an early age, she offered to take him on as a student.

Now, Wiltson drives year-round with Morgan. “I take my ponies to her house in Beallsville for lessons and training, except for the winter when I train with her at the Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, FL,” he explained. Wiltson and his family head to Florida every winter to keep up with the Combined Driving scene. “I have been in Florida for the past five winters. There are a lot of drivers and competitions here and it is an amazing training facility,” he added.

Morgan explained that here in the United States, the “best venues with the most competitive entries” are in the Ocala region of Florida from January to March. The season takes a bit of a break in the summer when the footing is hard and the weather is hot before picking back up again in the Mid-Atlantic area in the fall. “Riley’s parents are so very supportive,” she said. “It’s a lot of work but they all enjoy it.”

Morgan added, “Riley is a very dedicated kid. He is very serious about the sport but in the right kind of way.”

Championship Year

This past season, Wiltson continued to drive his 12-year-old, 14.2H Connemara pony, Wil-low’s Aslan. The pair has won championship honors for the past three seasons. In 2018, they won the American Driving Society National Championship at Preliminary and in 2019, they won ADS’s National Championship at Intermediate. He was just 14 years old when he won his first National Championship!

This past season, the pair earned the 2020 USEF Champion Horse of the Year title in the Combined Driving Intermediate Single Pony division. “We are so excited!” said Wiltson’s mom Billie. “He is one of a few junior drivers and the only junior to place. All others that placed below him are adults.” Unlike many other USEF disciplines, in Combined Driving, there are no separate junior divisions. All ages of drivers compete together.

Wiltson said being able to compete at the Live Oak CDE was a highlight for him this past season. “Live Oak is the biggest CDE in

the US. They only have Intermediate and Advanced levels and the obstacles are very technical so 2020 was the first time I was ready for this competition.” He placed third overall and were the only ones in the division to go double clear in the cones phase. “That means we had no time faults and no balls knocked down,” he explained.

Wiltson’s scores over the past few years have already made him eligible for the World Championships. Being able to represent the US at the World Championships is certainly a goal of Wiltson’s, as is driving a team of four-in-hand Dartmoor ponies.

Future Endeavors

Wiltson seems to already be on his way to achieving both goals as he recently started competing in the Pairs Pony divisions with two Dartmoor ponies, Lizwell’s Gambling Queen (“Maude”) and Fiddlemarker’s Bottle Rocket (“Rocket”). In addition, he also drives Morgan’s Singletree Poker Alice (“Lottie”). “Maude and Rocket do the dressage and cones phases. And then Rocket and Lottie do the marathon phase,” Wiltson explained.

Maude is 25 years old and incredibly experienced as she has already earned nine USEF National Championships and been to four World Championships with Morgan. Owend by Susan Deutermann, Maude is the senior member of the team, and helps teach the younger 14-year-old Rocket, owned by Lory Eigme, and six-year-old Lottie. “You often need the knowledge of the older mare to help teach the younger ones,” Morgan stated.

Wiltson competed the Dartmoor ponies at the USEF National Championship for Preliminary Pair Pony at the end of January. Results from the CDE held at the Grand Oaks Resort in Florida were unavailable at the time this article when to press so check equiery.com for results!

“Not all single drivers make good pairs drivers,” Morgan said. “But as soon as he tried it, I knew he’d be good at it. He’s just very smooth with the ponies.” She added, “Riley is a shining start for young riders and I hope more young people read this article and decide they want to try driving.”

“It is challenging being a junior in this sport and sometimes it would be nice to compete against other juniors, but there are very few junior drivers, and none currently driving in my division with the single or pair,” Wiltson said. “My parents joke that most of my competitors have been driving longer than I have been alive but it is fun when I beat the adults, and they don’t seem to mind... well some do!” he said with a laugh.

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Kurt Bauch

Tanya Johnson rode her own Arlington to win the USHJA Zone 3 championships in both the 2'3" Hunter and 2'6" Hunter divisions for 2020.



Madi Simpson and Call Me Classy won the Maryland Thoroughbred Eventing Series for the Recognized Event division. Simpson is 16 years old and lives in Georgetown, DE. She has owned Call Me Classy, whose Jockey Club name is Dozer, for two years. The pair competed at the Novice level in 2020. They train with Mallory Distler at Baypoint Equestrian Center in Berlin.



Anthony Bladen's Prettiest Of All earned the 2020 National Snaffle Bit Association World Champion Hunter Under Saddle Longe Line title. She was shown by Gavin Pope.



Anneke Scafe

Hilltop Farm's Riverman, who died in 2020, still found himself as the USEF's Eventing Sire of the Year for the sixth time. He has also earned the reserve champion honors in this category three times. Riverman was also ranked seventh on the USEF's Hunter Breeding Sire list for 2020.



Anne Litz

Sixteen year old Bailey Riemer (originally from Jordon, WY and now working at Dr. Mike Odian's farm) is a fourth generation draft horse driver who recently won big at the World Percheron Congress, held in Iowa last October. Riemer was named the Overall Senior Youth Showman 15 to 18 Year Old at the finals, which are held every four years in Canada and the US. In addition she earned the World Champion Junior Driver titles in Senior Junior Driver Cart, Senior Junior Driver Team and Junior Decorating classes. She also finished second in the Junior Showmanship class and sixth place in the Horse Judging class.



Maryland was represented by four riders this past season in the 2020 US Eventing Association year-end championships. At the Novice level, Paige Ansaldi of Ellicott City was the top Intercollegiate Rider and top Young Adult Rider. Ansaldi competes for the University of Maryland's Eventing Team. Carlin Keefe of Sandy Spring rode two horses to earn the Training Junior Rider championship. She is pictured above riding Flintstar, owned by her mother Rumsey Keefe and grandmother Trish Gilbert. At the Preliminary level, sister Ryan Keefe earned the Intercollegiate Rider title. And finally, Ema Klugman of Clarksburg was named the 2020 USEA Classic Series champion for her scores at the Waredaca Classic 3Day.



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Susan J. Stickle

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Darrell Ireland of Sunderland showed the American Quarter Horse filly Maybelleen to win the American Quarter Horse Association Select World Championship Weanling Filly title. Maybelleen is owned by Anthony Bladen, also of Sunderland. The filly also won the AQHA Amateur Reserve World Championship and the AQHA Reserve World Champion Filly title.

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Since 1968 Lynda Arnold has been involved with horses in a variety of ways from horse showing to trail riding. From 2008 to 2013 she was the Horse Show Manager for the Carroll County Western Circuit, which holds its shows at the Carroll County Equestrian Center. She has been a member of the Carroll County Equestrian Council since 2008 and has been the Equestrian Center Manager since 2015. For all of her valuable contributions of her time, skills and talents, the Carroll County Equestrian Council named Arnold the 2020 Volunteer of the Year.



Jaclyn Burke rode the six year old OTTB Chance of Liffort to win the Combo division of the Maryland Thoroughbred Eventing Program. The Combo division takes scores from both Recognized and Unrecognized events in the series. This past season, they competed at Beginner Novice. Chance of Liffort (JC name: Honeyfields) raced 16 times before being retired. Burke purchased him a few weeks after his last race in 2018.



Kudos to Katherine Bounds who earned her USDF Bronze Medal in 2020 with scores from riding her own Unlimited.



Owned by Theresa Grogan and ridden by trainer Christine Betz, Crescendos Allegra was the top USDF All Breeds Half Arabian in the Open Prix St. Georges and Open Intermediate I division. The mare also earned championship honors in the USEF Region 15 Half Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Dressage FEI Combined Level. In addition, she was the 2020 East Coast PSG Champion, I-1 Open Champion and High Score FEI Horse winner.



Natalie Garner's Guaranteed Good Asset was the WDAA National Reserve Champion Basic 2 horse. They also earned sixth place in Basic Horsemanship at the WDAA World Show.



Negro (pictured), owned by Van Olst Horses and standing at Hilltop Farm in Colorado finished the 2020 season as the USEF Dressage Sire of the Year Reserve Champion. Contucci and Royal Prince, both owned by Hilltop Farm were ranked ninth and 13th respectively.

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Elizabeth Dinich rode her own EAF Kidmann +/- to win the USEF Region 15 Arabian Dressage Fourth Level Championship. The pair also earned the Reserve Championship for Arabian Dressage Amateur Third Level and Arabian Dressage Third Level. At the national level, the pair were ranked sixth in the USEF Arabian Dressage Amateur Third Level list.



Darrell Ireland's Lucky Employed won several titles at the 2020 American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show including the AQHA Reserve World Championship Amateur Yearling Gelding and AQHA Reserve World Champion Yearling Gelding titles. He also earned a AQHA Select World Champion Bronze trophy. Lucky Employed is shown by both Ireland and Anthony Bladen.



Kristen McDaniel and Jase Munday, Jr. both rode Shadow Maid Stitch in 2020 to earn jousting titles. McDaniel was the Maryland National Novice Champion while Munday earned the Maryland Reserve National Champion Lead-line title.



The polo team Aviators (Sunny Khan, Rohail Khan and Nicholas Powers) finished out the season with a win at the Congressional Polo Club's Arena Tournament on September 26, 2020. The team had a spectacular 2020 full of tournament wins making them Congressional Polo Club's leading team for the 2020 season.

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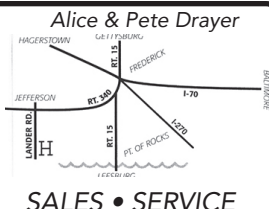
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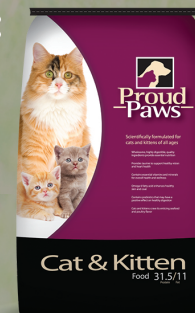
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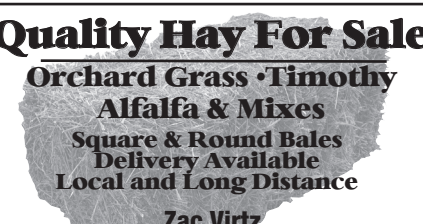
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Shelby Langlois owns and competes the New Forest/Arabian mare Pipe Creek Pebbles (Wicked Courtiester x Lightening). The mare was bred in New Windsor at the McNemar's Pipe Creek Farm.



Paula Stapleton nicknamed her two-year-old Quarter Horse Wicked while her AQHA registered name is pending because she's mischievous. The filly was bred by Bob LaPorta and is by the stallion Inferno 66 out of the mare Ms Jessie Boom.



Severn Bay Rum is a Welsh Mountain Pony by Severn Merrymaker and out of Severn Ciarra. He was bred by Severn Oaks Farm and is owned by Mary I. Benedict.



Ann McKay bred this Anglo-Arab named Good Juji-Juniper by Admiral Harnly and out of Quest. She is currently owned by Sutton Wetcher.



MacCrimmon Campbelton is a Highland Pony, which is an endangered breed with fewer than 100 ponies in all of North America. The breed originated in Scotland. "Cam" was bred by MacCrimmon Stud LLC in Harwood and is by MacCrimmon Andrew out of Rockcake of Whitefield. He is owned by breeders Kathy and Paul Simpson.



David Butts of Union Bridge bred the Thoroughbred Runsonstilts, who is now owned and competed by Margaret McKelvy. "Stilts" is by Cherokee's Boy out of Oh So Fine.



Bred by Louisa Emerick in Fair Hill, this combined driving pony, Lanie's Lad is owned by Kim Stover. He is a Connemara/Thoroughbred by Ard Celtic Ard and out of Tri-Creek Greystone B'Lanna.

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Victoria Mamina

Commandalena's Legacy is by Maryland Quarter Horse sire Commandalena and out of Dun It Chexity. He was bred and is owned by Dana Grafft. Legacy is currently four years old and is leased to Dr. Jess Martin as a reined cow horse.



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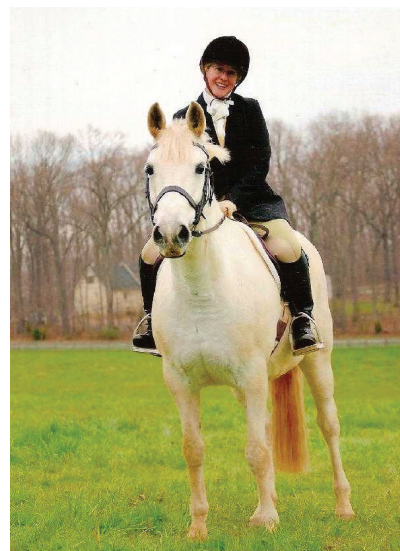
Continuum HHF was born on his breeder's birthday (May 9). Bred and owned by Aviva Nebesky of Horsepen Hill Farm in Bowie, he matured to 18.3 hands! Now retired, the 15 year old Hanoverian is by Contucci and out of Bit of Gold.



Xyzab is a Thoroughbred bred by Leo J. Ambrogi. Now owned by Kayla Seymour, he is by Will's Way out of the mare Silver Glitter. The pair compete in jumpers and also foxhunt and hunter pace.



Maryland breeder Elizabeth Callahan is shown here competing her homebred **Merlin**, an Oldenburg gelding by Mighty Magic and out of Leia.



Tammie J. Monaco owns this Half Welsh named **Glencoe Nifty**. She was bred by Anne Hackney and is by Liseter Radiant out of L'il Blue Belle. Nifty is retired now at 26 but used to enjoy foxhunting and hunter pacing.



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Whiskey Business was bred by Sagamore Farm and is now owned by Danielle Ziegfeld. The Thoroughbred is by Malibu Moon and out of Katherine'skadence.



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Bred and raced by Dr. Michael Harrison, **Talk Show Man** (Great Notion x Mark Me Special) won the Maryland Million Turf as a four year old and then again when he was eight. Now retired from racing, he is owned by Lindy Gutman.



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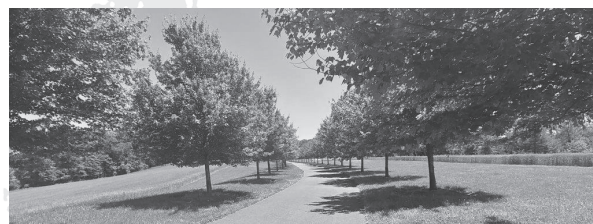
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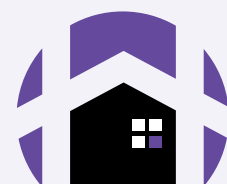
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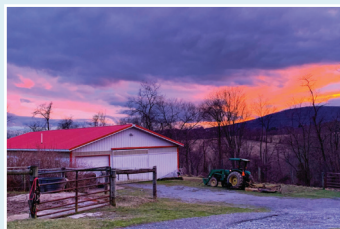
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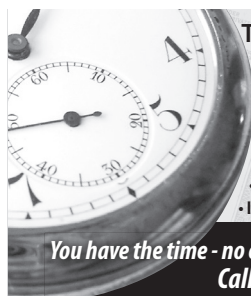
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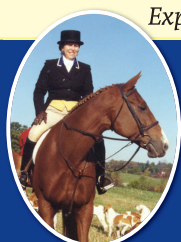


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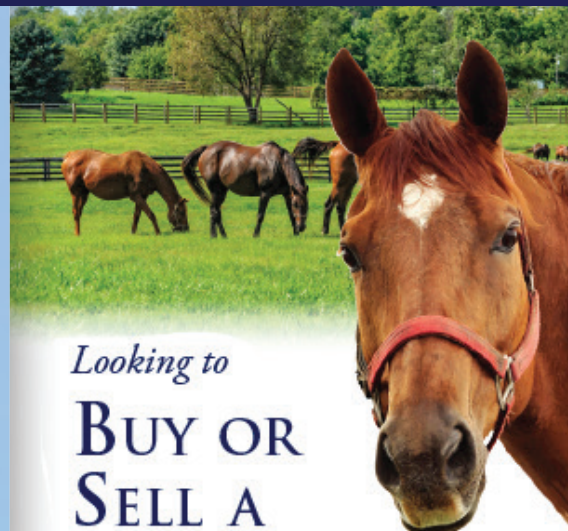
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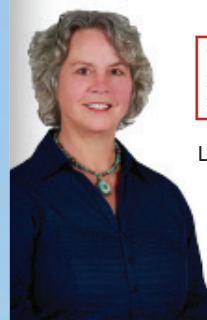


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During the 2020 crisis, many barn operators had learned how to pivot in order to stay financially viable. For some lesson farms, the cancelation of the beginner group lessons presented new opportunities for the barn's more intermediate level clients. Explains **Potomac Horse Center** manager **Renee Terselic**, "As you know, the bulk of our business is beginners, and beginners require the opposite of social distancing. Helping them to and from the stall, lifting them for mounting and assisting with dismounting, adjusting their hands and fingers on the reins, adjusting their position, holding hands with the younger clients when they are apprehensive, etc, is impossible now. Also, beginners just feel better when you stay close to them during their first several (or more) rides. It can be intimidating to ride a big, strong horse even if that horse is a 30-year-old, 13-hand pony that stands like a statue. Lessons and In-house leasing for clients who are riding at the intermediate level and above (translation: require no real hands-on assistance and can observe social distancing guidelines) has helped us to at least survive. Space made available by beginners who must unfortunately sit on the sidelines for now has given leasing the opportunity to grow a bit, which has proven to be invaluable to our survival. The horses, arenas and the schedule were simply too busy pre-Covid to allow for leasing, and this opportunity has given us all something to count on in these inconsistent times. It doesn't make us whole, but it is keeping us alive. Bonus: It keeps the horses schooled and in shape for when we are once again able to welcome back our very patient beginner clients."



Anne Joyner predicts that her "Talisman Therapeutic Riding will provide a record number of lessons in 2021!" Anne explains how the business was initially impacted by the pandemic, and then how they figured out how to make lemonade out of lemons: "We postponed lessons for eight weeks from mid-March to mid-May. During that time we conducted surveys of our riders, volunteers and staff to determine their "comfort level" in continuing with lessons. We produced a COVID protocol video [for the farm] which demonstrated rider arrival, temperature-taking, hand-washing, lessons and departure. The barn doors were back open! Since then, we have provided daily lessons. After-all, we are an outdoor classroom! As we look to 2021, we anticipate further increases in ridership. We are eager to hire more PATH International Trained Certified Instructors, Therapists and volunteers. We need to add a pony to our herd of twelve. We are adding carriage driving in 2021 to our catalog of eleven pro-

grams. We expect our rider population to continue to change. We are experiencing sizable increases in tweens and teens and expect that to continue throughout 2021. [We find the] tweens and teens come to us because of isolation and anxiety. Our fundraising events in 2021 will be a combination of live and virtual. 2021 looks like a very busy year for the team at Talisman."

Other barn owners, such as **Michele Wellman**, are predicting more stability for their businesses in 2021, anticipating neither shut downs nor dramatic increase in requests for services. "I am planning on a normal year this year, of course accounting for Covid. Our barn [By Chance Farm] requires masks while not riding and we are providing sanitizer (both surface and hand) for use by anyone who needs it. I have been teaching a normal schedule since last fall but I only teach riders on their own horses." In 2020, Michele launched regular cavaletti days, which have become very popular with local riders of all disciplines, and she intends to continue those through 2021. In addition to her 4 licensed shows (which will comply with the USEF COVID Action Plan), By Chance will resume monthly schooling shows, but requiring advanced online entries even for schooling shows. "I guess we are technically full steam ahead," Michele concluded. "I have 30+ boarders who have been very supportive during these stressful times, many who participate or plan to participate in our farm activities and shows. Honestly our barn community has been fantastic."



Reducing contact between show/event secretaries and competitors has catapulted numerous competitions into the digital age. For other competitions already comfortable with digital products, the crisis has ramped up their experiments with new digital tools. For the **Maryland Horse Trails at Loch Moy** (which already has a full calendar of 2021 events), owner **Carolyn Mackintosh** has started using a new touchless scoring system from Australia: "I'm trying it out on my cross country derbies and will use it for all disciplines. The volunteers seem to like it, and Tracy McKenna (associate publisher of *The Equiery* who moonlights at Loch Moy) has been great getting it off the ground. Everyone stays in their cars, using their phones to judge, including dressage judges and scribes. No contact, no score runners or paper. Everything is live scoring. The competitors receive their dressage tests and scores on their phones. We will get through this!

As of press time, websites for **A Moment in Time**, **Full Moon Farm**, **Linden Farm**, **Meadowbrook**, **Worthmore Equestrian Center** and **Wyndham Oaks** have scheduled clinics and competitions now through summer. **A Bit Better Farm** has clinics scheduled for the first quarter of 2021 while **Waredaca** has planned out a full year of clin-

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ics on their website. **Woodland Horse Center** is ramping up for 2021 summer camp. Meanwhile, **Highridge Farm** kicked off the year with a fun show on January 2, and plans to keep on keepin' on! And let's not forget the postponed inaugural **Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill**, now scheduled for October 14 – 17, 2021 at the Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, MD.



Even though many facilities have found ways to move forward during the crisis, not every program is able to continue. Potomac has decided to opt-out of participating in the JEL, NCEL & IEA Show Team leagues for the 2020-21 season. **Quantum Leap** has scaled-back to existing core clients, and according to owner **Katie Carr**, does not plan to really fully re-open until well after the pandemic is under control. The **Chesapeake Dressage Institute** remains closed to outside visitors, but is hoping to re-open in the spring. Barns too numerous to list here have not (as of press time) committed to lesson programs, shows or summer camps, remaining in a state of suspended animation, waiting in an existential purgatory for the COVID tide to recede. Needless to say, it can't come soon enough.

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Kudos to **Carolyn Mackintosh (Loch Moy Farm)**, for being the driving force behind the new USEA Volunteer Medal Program, launched in 2020 to enhance the recognition of resilient volunteers, particularly meaningful during the pandemic.

For 2021, the **Maryland Therapeutic Riding Center** welcomes **Jessica Mitchell** in the role of "Barn Coordinator," mentoring potential new clients and volunteers during peak program time. A 5-year volunteer for MTR, Jessica moves into her professional role as Barn Coordinator as she begins her journey towards becoming a PATH International Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor and pursuing an EAGALA Equine Specialist Certification.

For 2021, **Full Moon Farm** unveiled a new website.

Wonderland Farm, located on an historic 62-acre estate in Elkton, celebrated its two-year anniversary on January 18.

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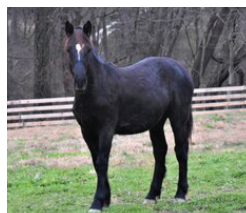
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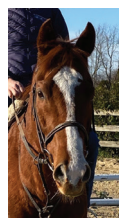
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Nicholas Grant Pons was born to Lindsay and Phillip Pons on January 3. He is the fifth generation of the Country Life Farm Pons family.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Fond farewell to Maryland jockeys **Trevor McCarthy** and **Katie Davis** who have moved their tack to New York.

Welcome to jockey and veterinarian **Ferrin Peterson** who has recently joined the Laurel Park jockey's colony.

The National Steeplechase Association, with offices in Fair Hill, has recently hired **Emery Jones Taylor** (West Grove, PA) as its new General Manager and **Harper McVey** (Hockessin, DE) in the role of Executive Secretary. They replace Pete McGivney and Nancy Dougherty who both recently retired.

MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Charles C. "Cuppy" Fenwick died on December 16, 2020. He was 96. Fenwick was born and raised in the Glyndon area and spent his entire life on the family's farm. He was the director of the Maryland Hunt Cup for 30 years, and three of his five children are active in the steeplechase community as well: Charles C. Fenwick, Jr., and H. Bruce Fenwick are both National Steeplechase Association horsemen, and Peter R. Fenwick is a member of NSA's Board of Directors. Fenwick himself never was a steeplechase jockey, but in addition to supporting the Maryland Hunt Cup, he was a member of the Green Spring Valley Hounds.

Fenwick attended Princeton University after graduating from the Gilman School in 1942. He was at Princeton only for a year before enlisting in the U.S. Army infantry to serve during World War II. He was part of the Normandy landing in September 1944. He earned a Bronze Star for his role in the Battle of the Bulge, laying strategic mines during the Christmas Eve fighting as part of the Anti-Tank Company, 407th Infantry.

After returning from the war, Fenwick married Rosalie Bruce and the couple had four sons. After their divorce, he married Elizabeth White and they have one son together.

Fenwick was a clerk with the U.S. Steamship Line for the port of Baltimore before later co-founding Fenwick, Michaels and Downes, which is the predecessor of Riggs, Counselman, Michaels and Downes, an insurance advisory firm. He also sold Volkswagen cars out of his first dealership, Towson Valley Motors, starting in 1962. The dealership grew quickly to include several imports and continues today as Valley Motors in Hunt Valley.

Mary Wanamaker "Minnie" Watriss of Butler died on December 18 at the age of 89. She was born in Philadelphia, PA, but was raised in

California and New York. She graduated from the Foxcroft School and then Bennett Junior College before moving to Glyndon in 1952, the year she married C.A. Porter Hopkins, a Republican state senator representing Baltimore County. The two were later divorced. She later married H. Robertson Fenwick, who died in 1976 and James B. Watriss, who died in 1998.

Watriss was a foxhunter and a patron of steeplechase racing as well as Ladew Topiary Gardens. She was a partner in Arcadia Stables, co-owned with Andre Brewster and Peyton "Skip" Cochran, Jr. Some of their winning horses, trained by Jack Fisher, included Bubble Economy and Footlights. Watriss was known for her fabulous pre-race tailgates and generous hospitality.

Southern Maryland Quarter Horse Association member **Kathleen Easter-Knott** died on December 28, 2020 at the age of 58. She had been a resident of Mechanicsville for the past 17 years and was the owner of It's-A-Celebration event planning. Previously, she had been employed by NAVFAC as the fleet manager for transportation at the Navy Yard. Easter-Knott was also a youth advisor and board member for SMQHA.

Naomi Scharf Manders died on January 4 at her home in Potomac. She was 82. Born in Los Angeles, CA, Manders moved East to attend Manhattanville College in New York where she earned a BA degree. Manders was a Potomac Hunt Club member, long known as a force to be reckoned with in Montgomery County for her leadership in building and maintaining the county's natural multi-use trail systems. From 1986 to 1992, she served as President of the Potomac Bridle and Hiking Trails Association and the Montgomery County Coordinator for Trail Riders of Today (TROT).

Manders successfully negotiated many public bridle path easements to form the Travilah Loop, a four-mile trail around Potomac com-

posed of thirteen participating subdivisions linking stables and parklands to preserve an equestrian presence in suburbia. This led to a job with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning as a Trail Planner for the Department of Park Planning and Development. There she became instrumental in setting up the Natural Surface Trails Program and helped to develop the trails in Rachael Carson Park, Muddy Branch Park, Schaefer Farm Park, and Northwest Branch.

After retiring from MNCPPC, Manders helped to develop Dry Seneca Creek Trail and Breezy Loop Trail, and was a critical advocate for the recently approved development of the Seneca Greenway. She was awarded the Maryland Horse Council's Pumphrey Memorial Award for her efforts in preserving Montgomery County's trail systems.

Frank Patterson Wright of Lutherville died on January 10 at the age of 95. He was born in Mardela Springs, and as an adult worked his way up the ranks of Avis Truck Rental, becoming Vice President in charge of the Mid Atlantic and Southern East Coast regions. In 1976, he bought two franchises from Avis and formed York Truck Rental which operated in Pennsylvania. After selling the business in 1985, Wright retired.

In 1968, he and his wife Virginia Howard Wright bought a farm that they named Huntingfields. It took them five years to renovate the farm before they could move in. There he and Ginny started breeding Thoroughbreds in 1979 and then started racing their homebreds starting in 1982. At the peak of their operation, they had over 50 horses. Big winners included Valay Maid, Lady Sabelia, Blue Sky Princess, Gold Rolls and Inner Harbour.

Wright served on the boards of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Million, Ltd.

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DI Polo (Leroy Xiao, Kelly Xiao and Juan Carlos Gonzalez) were one of the winning teams at the Congressional Polo Club's Arena Tournament on September 26, 2020.

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Emma Mathios

Kassie Reeves rode her own See You Later Alligator to several top placings at the 2020 Maryland State Fair last summer.



Annie Renzetti and Jocelyn were the costume winners at the 2020 Loch Moy Farm Donation Derby held last December.



Kelly Drechsler's registered Miniature Horse Tex's Orion Creation plays with a soccer ball in his pasture. The stallion is just three years old.



Jim Mumper

Sebastian Cole and Peter Buchheister rode out with De La Brooke Foxhounds at their annual Junior Hunt this past January.

Holiday photo shoot with The Big Easy, from left: Stephanie Windall with Folsom, Adrian Ford, Sadie Vinson and G, and Natalie Paley with Vendetta



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Safe Haven Farm's Kyra Tuife, Brielle Francia, Breanna Hyatt, Lois Baccilleri and Alyssa Sands helped lay wreaths at Savage Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

Two year old homebred Devons Capriole (Devon Heir x GNF Crescendo*//*), owned and bred by Gabrielle Cottone of Union Bridge, looking out across his paddock during the season's first snowfall.



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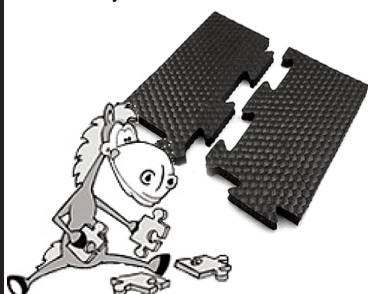
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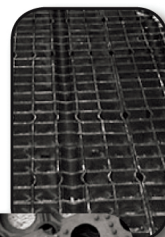
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