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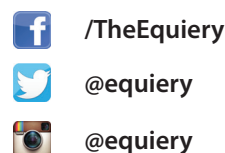
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There is no better way to finish out the year than with a national championship win! Lucy Tidd earned the 2021 Grand Prix Adult Amateur Championship at this year's U.S. Dressage Finals with her Dutch Warmblood Ellert HB. Read more about this dynamic duo on page 12. The December cover photo was taken by Susan J. Stickle. Also in this issue: RRP Mega-Makeover winners, MD 5 Star Survey results, spotlight on Valerie Pride and Out & About from so many places!



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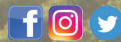
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Maryland horse people have a lot to be thankful for. The industry continues to weather the COVID pandemic surprisingly well. The number of licensed stables is up over 30%, and lesson programs and boarding operations are at capacity. Interest in our sport continues to grow as more people look to the outdoors for recreation and exercise. The state is working to expand access to our public lands and to embrace the economic power of outdoor recreation.

Our industry made international history this year with the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill, one of only seven equestrian events of its kind in the world; and with two Maryland-bred winners at last month's Breeders' Cup in Del Mar, California, otherwise known as the Olympics of Thoroughbred racing.

The General Assembly passed two significant legislative bond bills to increase capital funding for equine facilities – one for \$500,000 for Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Howard County and one for \$100,000 for

Graham Equestrian Center in Baltimore County. The General Assembly also added equine-assisted therapy programs to the list of services eligible for reimbursement under the Maryland Veterans Administration's Animal Service Program, and banned the sale of any cosmetics tested on animals.

Most importantly, Maryland horse people are blessed with the joy and privilege of sharing our lives with horses. Their powerful muscles and soft noses teach us more about compassion, grace, and humanity than any human teacher ever could. From them we learn the true meaning of selflessness, and trust, and responsibility. We are nothing without them.

We invite everyone to spend this holiday season treasuring our horses and celebrating the light they bring us. There's a reason the winter is replete with festivals of light – whether it be Hannukah, Diwali, Christmas, or Kwanzaa -- whether we celebrate the harvest and the blessings of the year just passed, or the miracle of the winter solstice and the promise of the year to come.

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Misty Manor Cruelty Case

Nichole Reinke of Sykesville was charged with 64 counts of animal cruelty on October 12 in connection with the mistreatment of 19 horses at Misty Manor Riding Riding Stable, according to Carroll County Circuit Court documents. Charging documents allege that 11 of the 19 horses were intentionally tortured. Torture charges are felonies in the state of Maryland and punishable by up to three years in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000 for each charge.

Reinke was also charged with depriving nearly all the horses of necessary sustenance, failing to provide sufficient quantity of nutritious food, and failing to provide veterinary care. Each misdemeanor charge carries a maximum jail term of 90 days or a fine of up to \$1000.

An arrest warrant was issued on October 12 and court records show that Reinke posted bail and was released. December 22 is the next court date for this case.

Misty Manor has operated as a hack stable, lesson facility, and sales barn at its current location since 2000. It was originally founded and run by the late Judith Reinke, Nichole Reinke's mother, in 1990 at a different location. In 2016, the farm was transferred to Nichole Reinke and is currently operated by her and her wife, Gina Piellusch.

G. Michael Keiner, senior animal control officer for Carroll County Humane Society, told the *Baltimore Sun* that they had responded to numerous calls related to cruelty and neglect allegations over the last 19 years. In 2020, Animal Control visited Misty Manor several times and reported that there were anywhere from 75 to 128 horses on the 64 acre property. Judith Reinke was directed by Animal Control to reduce the horse numbers and provide proper shelter in November 2020. In December, 19 horses were seized by the county after Keiner and veterinarians from Windsor Veterinary Services inspected them on December 8 and December 9. At that time, Judith Reinke signed those 19 horses over to the county.

Youth Driving Scholarship

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation announced in November that the David Snyder family and the International Sound Corporation are continuing to fund scholarships for students involved in harness racing. The Harness Tracks of America Scholarships will now be called the Harold and Marcia Snyder Memorial Scholarship.



Congratulations to Monica Fiss and **Miss Roxy**, a three-year-old Thoroughbred filly that won the Future Event Horse East Coast Championships, held at Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown. Miss Roxy was also Overall High Score for all colts and fillies as well as the High Point Three-Year-Old in the country.

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Hit and Run Buggy Fatality

On October 27, police and fire/rescue personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on Point Lookout Road in the area south of Pin Cushion Road in Loveville. The accident, which happened sometime around 7:30 am, involved a red pickup truck and a horse and buggy. An off-duty firefighter and nurse were already at the scene of the crash and found buggy driver Henry Stauffer, 65, with serious injuries. Mr. Stauffer later died at the scene.

The driver of the truck had fled on foot before first responders had arrived. Initial reports by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were that the truck crossed the centerline and struck the horse/buggy nearly head on, ejecting Mr. Stauffer, of Loveville, who was the only occupant of the buggy. The accident was caught by video surveillance from nearby stores.

On October 31, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Ryan Nicholas Cherrico, 31, of Mechanicsville. Charges include: Negligent Homicide by Vehicle Under the Influence, Negligent Manslaughter by Vehicle, Motor

Vehicle Unlawful Taking, Driving Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Vehicle While Impaired by Alcohol, Driving Motor Vehicle on Highway on Suspended License and Privilege, Failure to Immediately Return and Remain at the Scene of Accident Involving Death, and Failure of Driver Involved in Accident to Render Reasonable Assistance to Injured Person.

Cherrico was arrested on November 2 and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office issuing the following statement, "Thank you to those in the community who provided information pertaining to this investigation."

The Sheriff's Office later reported that Cherrico had been stopped by police at the Third Base store approximately 23 minutes after the accident. The officers noted a strong odor of alcohol emitting from Cherrico's breath, and also noted that he was talking very slowly with slurred speech. Cherrico has a history of DUI/DWI and had a suspended Maryland license at the time of the crash. Nevertheless, police did not have enough evidence to detain him.

After the arrest, police uncovered text messages between Cherrico and his mother showing that Cherrico was the operator of the vehicle and that he was aware of the crash. The message contained information that only the driver of the vehicle could have known.

As of press, Cherrico remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

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Lani King Hyde

Congratulations to Armata Stables' **Goodoldtimes** for winning the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup on November 7. The seven-year-old Irish-bred gelding was ridden to victory by Colin Smith, and is trained by Alicia Murphy.

Breeders' Cup Victory

The Maryland-bred Knicks Go ran his way to victory again on November 6, winning the 2021 Breeders' Cup Classic ahead of the 2021 Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit. Bred by Angie and Sabrina Moore of GreenMount Farm, the five-year-old grey colt is owned by the Korea Racing Authority and trained by Brad Cox. The colt's career earnings are now at \$8,734,515 as of press.

This year alone, Knicks Go has won the Breeders' Cup Classic, the Pegasus World Cup Invitational, the Whitney Stakes, the Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Handicap, and the Lukas Classic. He ran fourth in the Saudi Cup over the summer.

Knicks Go will stand at Taylor

Made Farm in Nicholasville, KY to begin his stallion career in 2022.

Knicks Go was not the only Maryland-bred winner at this year's Breeders' Cup. Aloha West, bred by Katharine Voss and the late Robert T. Manfuso at Chanceland Farm, won the Qatar Racing Breeders' Cup Sprint. The four-year-old colt is owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and trained by Wayne Catalano, and he moved into the million dollar mark for career earnings after the Breeders' Cup.

Reminder! USEF Rule Updates Start December 1

Just a reminder that the U.S. Equestrian Federation Rule Book, with all recent amendments and rule changes, goes into effect December 1, 2021. For links to the new rule book, rule change highlights, and more, see equiery.com.

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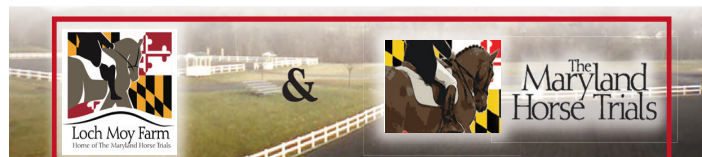
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Susan J. Slickle

by Katherine O. Rizzo

Just last month, Lucy Tidd, DVM, of Poolsville and her 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding Ellert HB headed to Kentucky for the U.S. Dressage Finals, presented by Adequan. This year, the pair competed at the Grand Prix level and came home with championship honors for their Adult Amateur Grand Prix Freestyle class. Tidd and Ellert are no strangers to the national finals and their road to Kentucky has been bumpy but rewarding.

Dressage Love

Tidd first sat on a horse when she was 10 years old and as a junior mainly rode in the hunter ring. Her parents owned a lesson and boarding facility in upstate New York where Tidd expanded her equestrian resume to include some eventing and "a bit of everything really," she said. Tidd even played polo as an undergrad at Cornell University.

Over time, however, it was dressage that piqued her interests. "I love how methodical it is in moving up the levels. You have to do your homework and take things one step at a time to progress," Tidd explained. The process of learning each movement in this progressive way challenged Tidd and her horses in rewarding ways.

"I've never had made horses and always had to train my own horses so we learned together," she said. This togetherness also has created more than one championship horse for Tidd, as many *Equiery* readers will recall previous stories about Tidd's successes with the Morgan stallion GKB Coal Magic.

Tidd began riding GKB Coal Magic in 2003 when he was owned by Maryland breeder Joanna Kelly of Blue White Morgans. Tidd purchased the young stallion when he was six years old, and he became the base of her own breeding program out of Locks Edge Farm in Poolsville. Tidd competed GKB Coal Magic in dressage up through the Prix St. Georges level and won several breed and open titles at

Maryland Dressage Lucy Tidd Wins Grand Prix Adult Amateur Freestyle Championship

the regional, national and international levels. "We just missed out on getting to Grand Prix as he got an injury and had to be retired from competitions," Tidd explained.

Tidd did not achieve her goal of competing at the highest levels of the sport until just two years ago, with another young horse Tidd developed.

The Dutch Horse

Tidd was on the hunt for a quality young horse nine years ago when she selected a three-year-old Dutch Warmblood from Holland. Ellert HB had just begun his under saddle training before he arrived in the U.S., and Tidd described his early training as, "a bit of a bumpy process."

He was skittish at first and would shake even when someone would just reach out to pet him. "I'm not sure what happened to him when he was younger but it took a while to get through to him," she said, adding that she came off him a few times in that first year of training. Once Ellert HB began to trust Tidd, his inner talent began to shine.

At just four years old, Ellert HB won the Training Level and First Level Adult Amateur titles at the very first U.S. Dressage Finals back in 2013. "He is super athletic and talented with big gaits," she said. "Most of the work [in the tests] is fairly easy for him."

Tidd methodically moved Ellert HB up the levels and in 2019 the pair made their Grand Prix debut. "He's my first Grand Prix horse so the whole thing is new for both of us," she said. Tidd did not compete him at Grand Prix at the national finals until this year because she wanted to wait until he was more confirmed at the level.

The wait paid off. They won the 2021 Grand Prix Adult Amateur Freestyle Championship this year. "He was very good for our regular [Grand Prix] test on the first day. We had a few mistakes but he did well and we finished fifth," she said. "But then in the musical, he just really stepped it up. He really enjoys the freestyle and having the music helps him. Plus we can tailor the test to his strengths."

Tidd added that at one point in the test she got off her music but that "it was my fault, not his" and they received an error penalty. Even with the error however, the pair scored a 70% to win the championship. "I love competing in that Kentucky arena. It is the biggest venue we go to all year. It's just special."

A Winning Team

Tidd believes strongly that her personal success would not be there without the help of the team of people who support her and her horses. "We have so many great people at Locks Edge," she said. One of these people is head trainer Siobhan Byrne, who joined the Locks

Edge team almost four years ago.

Byrne is a graduate of the young horse program conducted by Harmony Sporthorses and Hassler Dressage. She has been training and riding in Maryland since 2007, and Tidd says, "She is a very good instructor who has a positive and effective way of working with horses and people." Tidd added, "It is inspiring to see her teach other people to move up the levels too."

Tidd feels very fortunate to have been able to build Locks Edge and surround herself with fellow dressage enthusiasts. She moved to Maryland after graduating from Cornell University's veterinary school. "My ex-husband was an equine vet who was done with the New York winters and wanted to move south," she explained. "And I had already decided to be a small animal vet and ended up getting a job with a Germantown practice." Tidd now owns that practice, as well as a second small animal practice in Urbana.

She built Locks Edge specifically with dressage riders in mind and it has grown into its own family of riders, trainers and horses. "It really is fun because we have a very supportive group of riders at all levels," she said. Tidd also explained that because her day job as a veterinarian and owner of two practices means she is never in one place for very long, having a farm full of people to help allows her to be able to pursue her dressage dreams.

These dreams now include competing at the top of the sport internationally as well as nationally. "This horse has the talent to be an international horse," she said. "We just need to keep working on consistency and being able to show what he can do at home when he's in the competition ring."

Tidd plans to head down to Florida this winter to get ready to compete Ellert HB in the spring FEI-rated dressage competitions as well as continue to bring some young horses along.



Lucy Tidd and Ellert HB were U.S. Dressage Finals Champions in 2013 for Training and First Adult Amateur Levels.

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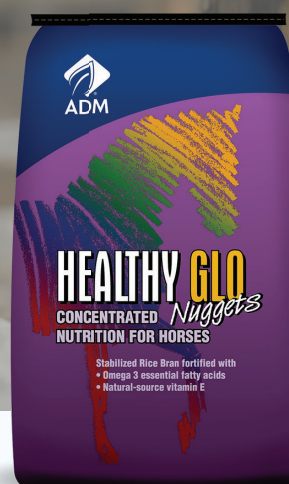
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On October 12-17, 400 Thoroughbreds competed at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY for the honor of being named the Retired Racehorse Project Mega-Makeover champion and in the end, the winner for the Class of 2021 was Maryland-bred!

Mega-Makeover

Because the 2020 RRP Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Makeover held two competitions at once, one for horses that would have competed in 2020, and one for new entries for the 2021 competition. Thus, the "Mega-Makeover" was created.

Trainers selected one to two disciplines, out of 10 choices, to showcase their training projects. Preliminary competition began at the start of the week, and the winners of each discipline were then brought back for the finale. All discipline judges came together to judge the finale.

There were special awards, including the People's Choice Award, with the winner selected by people at the Mega-Makeover and online.

Forthegreatergood

Bred, trained, and raced by Maryland native Donna Lockard, Forthegreatergood is a 2015 16.1 hand grey gelding by Scipion and out of No Peeking, by Langfuhr. Laura Sloan of North Carolina acquired the horse through his racing connections and was in the saddle at the Mega-Makeover for the win.

On the track, the gelding posted 22 starts with one win, two seconds, and two thirds for career earnings of \$46,734. His most successful year by earnings was 2018. He was raced exclusively in Maryland; his win was at Laurel Park in August of 2018. During the Mega-Makeover, Sloan and Forthegreatergood earned top marks all week in the Field Hunter discipline. Their performance in the finale class impressed the judges who then crowned them 2021 Thoroughbred Makeover Champions.

Maryland-bred Forthegreatergood Wins Mega-Makeover

Forethegreatergood also won the Top Maryland-bred Horse Award, sponsored by Judy Hartman's Copper Beech Stables.

The Class of 2020 overall winner was Kentucky-bred Thunderous Affair, who was trained and shown by Lindsey Partridge of Ontario, Canada. Partridge had also won the 2015 Makeover with Soar. Thunderous Affair topped both the Free-style classes and the Competitive Trail classes.

Napravnik's Award Winners

Maryland trainer Jazz Napravnik was one of many trainers who was disappointed that the 2020 Makeover was canceled but thrilled that RRP was adding a Class of 2020 to this year's Mega-Makeover. She ended up bringing three horses to Kentucky and earned top awards with two of them.



Maryland-bred Forthegreatergood won the 2021 Field Hunter division before earning the Grand Championship for the Class of 2021. Bred by Donna Lockard, Forthegreatergood also won 2021 Top Maryland-bred.

The big winner of the three was Legend's Hope, bred here in Maryland by Two Legends Farm and David Wade. The 2013 chestnut gelding was owned and trained by Edward Maher for \$156,388 in career earnings. "Chester," as Napravnik calls him, is by Not For Love out of the Polish Numbers mare Lunar's Legend. His

45-race career was primarily at Laurel Park.

"Chester came to my barn straight from the track to be sold so I posted him on Facebook with some creative wording," she said with a laugh. Included in the post was a request to have her ride him at the 2020 Makeover but Napravnik was not holding her breath. "Barbara Hornesser was the first to reply and came out to see him right away. She purchased him and asked if I wanted to do the Makeover on him," Napravnik said. "She wanted to foxhunt so that is where we started with him but he's a bit too expressive of a jumper to do well in the foxhunting class."

Nappravnik added that Chester's early training showed that he had a talent for jumping in general but that he struggled in dressage, so she had entered him in Show Jumping only at first. "Then the Makeover was canceled and his dressage kept improving so we entered him in Eventing and Show Jumping," she explained.

It was in eventing that he truly shined, winning the division and also winning the 2020 People's Choice Award winner. He was named the Top Maryland-bred Horse for the Class of 2020. "It was really cool because my sister [Rosie Napravnik] was there the whole time too. She's my best friend and won the eventing class in 2019," she said. The pair finished third in Show Jumping.

While Legend's Hope had been slated for the Field Hunter class but ended up excelling in Eventing, Page McKenny was thought to be a great eventing prospect but ended up loving foxhunting. "I've known this horse his whole life and was the one to start him as a yearling," Nappravnik said of the 2010 Pennsylvania-bred chestnut gelding by Eavesdropper and out of Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae. "He was being trained by Mary Eppler and I just kept in touch with them throughout his career.

That career included 58 starts for \$1,905,940 in career earnings. He won 22 times and finished second 16 times and third five times. His

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Jazz Napravnik rode Legend's Hope (left) to win the 2020 Eventing division, Top Maryland-bred and People's Choice Award. Nappravnik also rode Page McKenny (right) to win the Iron Horse Award.



Maryland-bred Forthegreatergood Wins Mega-Makeover, continued...

earnings placed him on the North American Top 100 Rankings list in 2014 and 2015. In his last season of racing, which was 2018, he ran five times, winning twice (Old Hickory Stakes at Gulfstream and Salvator Mile Stakes G3 at Monmouth Park) and never placing below fourth. "He had a very lucrative career on the track and his owners gave him a full year off where he just hung out with the yearlings," Napravnik said. "Of course those yearlings ate his tail down to the last tail bone and it took over a year to grown back to a respectable length," she said laughing.

Page McKenney took to foxhunting quickly and did well at the Mega-Makeover in the Field Hunter division, for the most part. "He couldn't have been more perfect the first day and was so brilliant in the mock hunt till the very end," she said, adding that he got a bit impatient and bucked a little at the very end.

This knocked them down to third place in the class but Page McKenney walked away with the 2020 Iron Horse Award, sponsored by MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, for the highest-scoring Makeover "Iron Horse" (horses who were foaled in 2010 or earlier).

As for Napravnik's third entry, the Maryland-bred mare Crazy Bernice, Napravnik said, "she takes her dressage very seriously but has a bit of performance anxiety." The 2013 Outflanker

mare out of Smart Gossip by Smart Strike ended up in 47th place in the Dressage class. The mare was bred Pam Michael, and Napravnik says she is not worried at all about the mare's potential because they have already competed successfully at First Level and are schooling Second Level movements. "Never in my life would I have thought of things like dressage medals in my world of racing and jumping timber but this is the horse that I'm looking to get my Bronze [Medal] scores with," she said.

Nappravnik, who has participated in these makeovers several times, noted that this year seemed particularly special with many more high quality horses. "The quality of horses and the level of training presented was heads above previous years," she said. "It really is the happiest horse show on Earth and I highly encourage others to do it."

O'Dwyer's Three-peat

Maryland trainer Allison O'Dwyer considers herself an event rider. It is in dressage, however, that O'Dwyer has now earned her third RRP Makeover title. Her win this year came aboard the Louisiana-bred gelding Kubo Cat.

The 2016 chestnut gelding is by D'Wildcat and out of Golden Diva by Gold Fever. He did not have the longest career on the track earning \$24,895 in 16 starts over the course of two sea-



Allison O'Dwyer earned her third Makeover Dressage division title with her 2021 win on Kubo Cat.

sons. Although he finished second five times and third four times, he never won a race before being retired. O'Dwyer found him through a reseller in Kentucky she had heard good things about. "I saw his photos and thought 'that's a really nice looking horse'," she said, adding that over the years of working with off-the-track-Thoroughbreds, she has learned to trust her eye. She purchased Kubo Cat without ever seeing him in person. "I sent a friend to look him over and she

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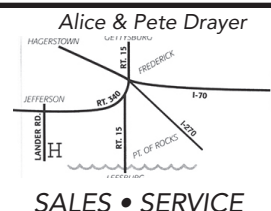
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told me that if I didn't buy him, she would!"

Although Kubo Cat was lovely to look at and was put together very soundly, he had a few behavioral problems that O'Dwyer and her husband, Laurel Park-based trainer Jerry O'Dwyer, had to work through first. "It took most of the year just to get him happy to work," she explained. O'Dwyer felt that although he loves to jump in the open fields, his uphill canter and natural balance led him to be most suited for Dressage at the Mega-Makeover.

O'Dwyer took Kubo Cat to the Kentucky Horse Park a few weeks before the Mega-Makeover to compete in a local dressage show, "to do a practice run" for the whole trip. "He was perfect. He's exactly like he is at home," she said. When the real competition started, O'Dwyer said, "he's very good in atmosphere" and the pair scored a 77.586% in their test. They led the competition from start to finish to win the 2021 Dressage division. Kubo Cat also earned the Top Louisiana-Bred Horse, sponsored by the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

O'Dwyer also was Dressage champion in 2019 with Fifth Ace and in 2017 with Chapter Two. Both horses have gone on to careers with top eventers, and Chapter Two is already competing at the Intermediate level with young rider Rebecca Roth. It seems Kubo Cat

will be following in his predecessors' footsteps as O'Dwyer just sold him to five-star rider Leah Lang-Glusic. "When I have these really nice horses, I really want to source them to someone who can take them really far," O'Dwyer said.

O'Neil Tops Juniors

Fourteen-year-old McKenna O'Neil is a C1 pony clubber with Elkridge-Harford Pony Club and an avid fox chaser with the Elkridge-Harford Hounds. Her pony club and hunt club



U.S. Pony Clubber McKenna O'Neil earned the U.S. Award in Memory of E. Marilyn Searle riding Jarir to third in 2021 Show Jumping and fourth in 2021 Field Hunters.

lead to her family buying Jarir. Jarir is a 2013 bay gelding, bred in Great Britain by Deerfield Farm and imported by steeplechase great Irvin Naylor. The gelding earned \$47,492 in the United States with two wins, five seconds, and five thirds. Trained by Cyril Murphy, Jarir last raced at the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup in 2019.

O'Neil initially had no plans to do the Mega-Makeover and her family had purchased Jarir because, "I was just looking for a fun horse to make into a show jumper and to do pony club rallies with." Then one of her mother's friends mentioned wanting to do the Mega-Makeover with her own OTTB and convinced them to join in.

The trip was well worth it as O'Neil won the USPC Award in Memory of E. Marilyn Searle, which is sponsored by Beverly Strauss and MidAtlantic Horse Rescue in memory of their dear friend. O'Neil was the highest placing current U.S. Pony Club member in the competition, having finished third in the 2021 Show Jumping and fourth in 2021 Field Hunters. She was also the Top Junior in both divisions.

"I have been in USPC since I was six years old so it was really awesome to be recognized for that special award at RRP," she said. "It didn't seem like there were a lot of junior rid-

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Dakotah Rowel Wiles and Tip Top Diva won the 2021 Barrel Racing division.

ers competing at the RRP, maybe because it takes place when school is in session, but it's a really great experience."

O'Neil had originally thought about selling Jarir but her family has decided to keep him. "He is really fun to foxhunt and compete. He literally acts like he has been hunting his entire life, it's really cool and he really likes it and acts like he's been around the hounds forever," she said. O'Neil also is making plans to compete in the High Children's 1.10m in 2022.

Tip Top Diva

Dakotah Rowel Wiles grew up in Middletown where she spent most of her riding career running barrels and roping. "I've done a bit of everything but that is where my heart is," Wiles said, adding, "I like working with young horses and then selling them." In the barrel racing world, the young horses are typically Quarter

Horses as opposed to Thoroughbreds. "Thoroughbreds have these stigmas about them that aren't necessarily true."

This surely seems to be the case with West Virginia-bred Tip Top Diva, who won the 2021 Barrel Racing division this year. The 2015 chestnut mare raced exclusively at Charles Town with only three starts, all in 2020. Wiles was attracted to her because of her conformation and purchased her to be a broodmare. "I was thinking she'd make a great Quarter Horse cross but I needed to get her performance record going first," Wiles said.

Wiles added that the mare got a lot of attention and positive feedback from the Western world saying, "many are really surprised when they find out she's a Thoroughbred." At the Mega-Makeover, Tip Top Diva consistently put in speedy rounds to win the division. "This whole process has really helped me and my riding," she said of the RRP experience. "I really think more people need to do this and look into Thoroughbreds [as barrel horses]. They make you become a better person and better rider."

Tip Top Diva also won the Wild and Wonderful Award, sponsored by Charles Town HBPA, for the top scoring horse to have made six starts at Charles Town, or the top-scoring West Virginia-bred to have made one start at Charles Town. Wiles sold the mare after the Mega-Makeover. "The lady is just perfect for her," she said. Tip Top Diva is currently running barrels in Ohio.

The Polo Star

Maryland amateur trainer Benjamin Lynch entered this year's Mega-Makeover with Ramses, a 2018 Kentucky-bred bay gelding by Pioneer of The Nile out of the Tapit mare Dancing House. Bred and owned by Godolphin, LLC, the gelding only had two starts, for career earnings of \$548.

Lynch, who is from Baltimore and is currently part of the Darley Internship program in Kentucky, plays polo with the Maryland Polo Club so was looking for a polo prospect for his Mega-Makeover entry. Ramses came to him through the Darley program.

In addition to winning the 2021 Polo division, Ramses was also one of four horses to tie for the 2021 Top Kentucky-bred Horse Award, sponsored by Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders. He also won the Best Conditioned Award for the Polo division. This award is sponsored by Nina Bonnie.



Benjamin Lynch rode Ramses to win the 2021 Polo division as well as the Top Kentucky-bred Award.

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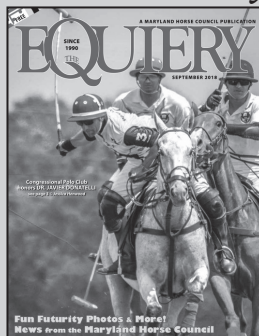
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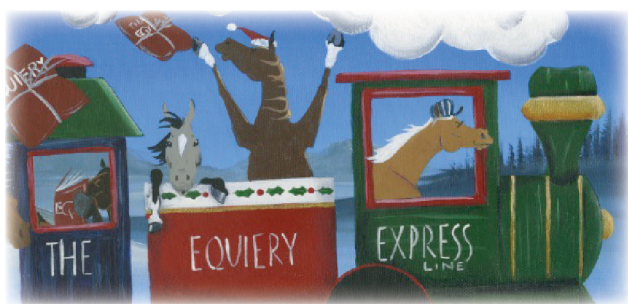
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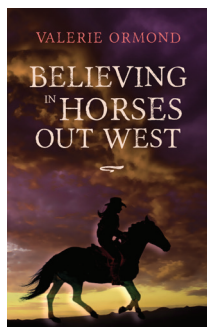
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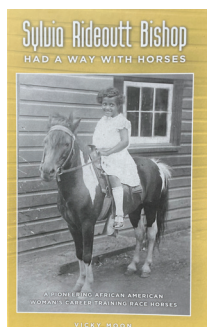
BELIEVING IN HORSES OUT WEST

By Valerie Ormond

Within one day of Maryland author Valerie Ormond releasing her new book *Believing in Horses Out West*, the book reached an Amazon #1 ranking. The young adult fiction book takes the 14-year-old Sadie Navarro to a Montana ranch to check on a horse she had rescued. At the ranch, she learns about ranch life, makes new friends, and encounters an unwelcomed mystery.

Although the main character in this coming-of-age story is a girl, the core values and lessons learned throughout the book apply to both girls and boys. Which underscores that horses are universal and their power to build people up and inspire is open to everyone.

Ormond is a member of the Maryland Horse Council (and former MHC Board member) and her previous books, *Believing in Horses* and *Believing in Horses, Too*, have won eight national and international awards, including an EQUUS Winnie Award. Ormond is also a Touch of Class winner, awarded by the Maryland Horse Industry Board for Maryland horse people who win national and international honors.



SYLVIA RIDEOUT BISHOP HAD A WAY WITH HORSES

By Vicky Moon

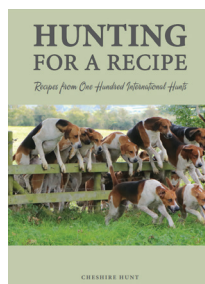
Author Vicky Moon's latest book, *Sylvia Rideout Bishop Had a Way With Horses* is about West Virginian trainer Sylvia Rideout Bishop (1920-2004) who was a pioneer of her time.

Bishop's love of horses took her to Charles Town Racetrack where she started as a groom when she was 14. During the Civil Rights movement, Bishop succeeded in breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes. Her life as a trainer took her to Maryland tracks at Cumberland, Timonium and Hagerstown, where she found success in a sport dominated by white men.

Moon spent several years of what she called "gut busting" research to put this book together and the result is not only a well-written biography of an African American female racehorse

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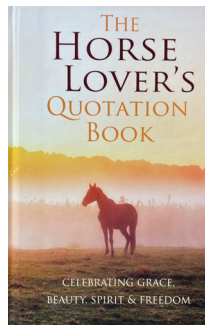
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Sir Walter John Scott, Bt. Jt-MFH of North Pennine. writes in the forward, "The author has acquired not only over 150 terrific and eclectic recipes, but riveting photographs and fascinating historical anecdotes." He goes on to write, "*Hunting for a Recipe* is not solely a beautifully produced, interesting and useful book, it is a timely reminder that elsewhere in more enlightened countries, the culture and heritage of venery* is understood, appreciated and being preserved safe and intact for future generations" making this book much more than a simple cookbook.

Cooke is based in the UK.

*venery - the practice of hunting



THE HORSE LOVER'S QUOTATION BOOK

By Jackie Corley

The Horse Lover's Quotation Book is a collection of over 200 fun, inspirational, and meaningful quotes compiled by Jackie Corley for Hatherleigh Press. Corley has a penchant for writing such collections and has already published quotation books about golf, planet Earth, early American wisdom, and great international leaders.

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THE MUSTANGS: AMERICA'S WILD HORSES

Directed by Steven Latham & Conrad Stanley

The new documentary *The Mustangs: America's Wild Horse* can be summed up in one word... stunning.

Directed by Steven Latham and Conrad Stanley, the film opens with a quote by Luther Standing Bear that reads: "The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans, too. So he kept his children close to nature's softening influence." Standing Bear sets the tone for the rest of the film, which follows the history of America's Mustangs and with these horses, a history of America.

The film shows how the Mustang has been woven into the hearts of people around the world and has become a symbol of freedom. The cinematography is breathtaking, bringing viewers to remote areas of the U.S. as filmmakers follow various Mustang bands through the Bureau of Land Management's open ranges and holding facilities.

Segments are also filmed at the annual Mustang Makeover, which is held each year in Fort Worth, Texas, as well as some of the homes across the country that Mustangs have been adopted into.

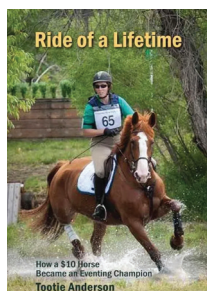
The executive producers are Robert Redford, (who also narrates portions of the film), Pattie Scialfa Springsteen, and U.S. Olympic show jumper Jessica Springsteen. The film has a fantastic soundtrack featuring Bruce Springsteen, Willie Nelson, and Emmylou Harris, just to name a few. And the original song "Never Gonna Tame You," performed by Blanco Brown and written by Diane Warren touches just the right emotional chords.

The film is both inspiring and humbling - the Mustangs' survival and resilience is inspiring; seeing the obstacles that humans have thrown

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up for them is humbling. But overall, the wild spirit of the Mustang rings through. Heritage. Compassion. Freedom.



RIDE OF A LIFETIME

By Tootie Anderson

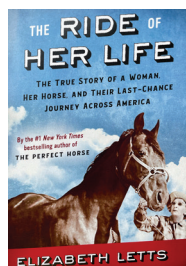
Ride of a Lifetime is the true story of a horse who was purchased for just \$10 and who went on to become a champion in the sport of eventing. A chestnut mare named Zoe entered the author's life at a particularly bleak time, and then turned Anderson's world around. The book follows the pair's journey from just getting started to winning through the Preliminary level.

Readers, especially event riders, will relate to the ups and downs of Anderson's journey and will enjoy photos and recaps from Maryland events such as Waredaca and Olney Farm. Plus,

Anderson's competition schedule, and life, have her moving around the country so readers can expect to experience events outside of Maryland's borders.

Be warned however, Anderson's writing is very blunt and a younger audience might have trouble navigating the reality of horse ownership and competitive riding: from injuries, to victories, to euthanasia... this book has it all.

Anderson currently resides in Virginia and is an active member of U.S. Eventing Association Area II. She volunteers regularly at Maryland events and is an *Equiery* advertiser.



THE RIDE OF HER LIFE

By Elizabeth Letts

New York Times best-selling author Elizabeth Letts is at it again with her latest book *The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey*

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If you liked Letts' previous works, *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* and *The Perfect Horse*, you will like *The Ride of Her Life*. Letts' writing style is lyrical, and she transports readers back to 1950s America as they ride along with Annie Wilkins across the country.

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Maryland Eventing

Valerie Pride & the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill



by Katherine O. Rizzo

On October 17, Valerie Pride of Harwood became the first, and only, Maryland-based event rider to complete the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill. Competing at the CCI5* level has been Pride's long-term goal and having completed her first CCI5*-L in her home state made the experience just that much more special.

From Western Trails to International Eventing

Pride was first put on a horse when she was just six weeks old as her mother gave her pony rides aboard her prized Arabians. These early riding experiences were in Indiana where her mother mainly trail rode in Western tack. "When my mom remarried, we moved to the East Coast and I joined Annapolis Pony Club," Pride explained.

The transition east was a bit rocky at the start as most of her new pony club friends were riding English so Pride made the switch as well. By the time Pride was 16, she was driving around the Annapolis area with her dog and a saddle, riding and training horses for others while also teaching lessons. "When I went to college, I decided I needed to take a break from horses so I could focus on my studies but that didn't last long," Pride said with a laugh. "I just couldn't handle not being in the saddle and luckily had an owner that was willing to send me a horse."

Pride balanced riding and studies quite well and graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 2003 with degrees in English and Psychology. She also continued rising up the ranks of the U.S. Pony Club, achieving the A level, the highest level of USPC.

During this time, Pride fell in love with eventing and competed for Area II as a Young

Rider while dreaming of her own five-star debut. "I had watched the five-star at Kentucky hundreds of times and was really excited when I heard there would be a five-star right here in Maryland," she said.

A Five-Star Partner

Pride's road to the Maryland 5 Star would not have been possible without her four-legged partner, Favian. The 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding was bred by Anita Nardine in California and was initially campaigned by U.S. Olympian Tamra Smith. "He had done a few different things as a young horse and won the Novice Horse division at the AECs before I got him," Pride stated. At the time, Pride did not have any FEI level horses in her barn and was starting to feel a bit anxious. "I was starting to worry that I'd forget what the feel of riding at the FEI levels would be like but had also recently sold a horse for a decent price so had a bit of a budget to spend," she said.

Pride did not want a completely green horse and so her search for something that had at least a season or two of eventing began. "It was really hard to find what I wanted," she said. "I had a few horses that failed vettings and I was about to start looking across the pond when I reached out to a friend in California to see if she knew of anything out there."

Pride's friend, Liza Horan, mentioned Favian as a horse she had been keeping an eye on and really liked. Pride immediately called and had him vetted before she even saw him in person. "I probably would have bought him without ever sitting on him honestly," she said. "He's just everything that I was looking for."

With the help of Elizabeth Bonner, owner

of Sudley Farm and one of Pride's biggest supporters, Pride brought Favian to Harwood in 2016. "I just adore him. He's very casually confident on cross-country and he's beautiful too. A stunning black horse," Pride said. Pride bases her Blue Clover Eventing business out of Sudley Farm, which Bonner purchased eight years ago. "Strange fact... I used to work at the farm when it was an old racing barn! Dreams come true and it's now a world class sport horse facility that I'm based out of," Pride said.

Over the past four years, Pride has trained Favian and moved him up the levels in eventing to the top level of the sport. This year, they started out the season at Pine Top in Georgia in February and completed their first CCI of the year at The Fork at Tryon International Equestrian Center in North Carolina. There they placed 18th in the CCI4*-S division.

Their next stop was the CCI5*-L at the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day event. This was to

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Valerie Pride's first eventing experience was a USPC Eventing Rally held at Fair Hill!

Maryland Eventing: Valerie Pride & the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill, continued...

be Pride and Favian's five-star debut and Pride felt they were more than ready. Unfortunately, the pair had a mandatory retirement after Favian fell on cross-country. Both horse and rider were unharmed and ran around the Jersey Fresh International CCI4*-L in May.

After taking a summer break, Pride and Favian placed 22nd in the Intermediate division at the American Eventing Championships before finishing 11th at the Stable View Oktoberfest CCI4*-S in September. All in all, the fall at Kentucky is the only cross-country jump penalty on Favian's record.

The Maryland 5 Star

In a special twist of fate, Pride's first five-star completion came on the very grounds of her first event, as her first eventing experience was at Fair Hill while participating in the Delmarva Region's annual eventing rally. "It is crazy to think that I've now jumped around the five-star at the same place!" she added.

Pride arrived at Fair Hill for the Maryland 5 Star with a mix of excitement and anxiousness to see what the new five-star would look like. "No one knew what Maryland was going to look like but everyone was talking about fitness and if their horses were fit enough for the hills," she said. When she pulled into the event, Pride was pleasantly surprised by the grandeur of the venue. "They made it feel in so many ways that you weren't just competing at a horse trials at Fair Hill. You were at a five-star! I'm pretty sure I said to myself, 'this is really happening!'"

By the first horse inspection on October 13, Pride felt ready, and so did Favian. "He totally puffs himself up for the jogs," she said with a chuckle. "He knows they are all watching him."

The next day, Pride headed to dressage warm up aboard Favian. "I didn't have anyone there to coach me and that was rough. I started to doubt what I knew about dressage but got some encouraging words from David O'Connor as I entered the warm up ring so that helped," she said. "Favian felt amazing in warm up! He was so much stronger than this spring," Pride, who is also a licensed judge, ended the dressage phase with a score of 31.9 to sit in 11th place after the first day of dressage. "It was fun to know that your week was off to a great start," she added.

Competing on the first day of dressage also gave her all day Friday to focus on cross-country and gave Favian a rest day before the big cross-country test. "The cross-country course was so unique. Like the double keyhole corners... how did [course designer] Ian [Stark] dream that up!" she said.

After walking the course several times, Pride and Favian left the start box on October 16 ready to attack the course... well at least Pride felt ready. "Favian was so distracted by the tailgating at the start of the course. I actually had to tap him with my whip to try and get him focused on the job at hand. I kept trying to tell him that

all those people were his admirers," she laughed.

By the time they got to fence 5AB, the first water on course, Favian clicked into gear. "The course started to turn away from the tailgates at that point and he locked on and just kept on going. I had my horse back," Pride remarked. As the course progressed, Favian felt more and more confident and Pride took all the direct routes. Then at the last water, "I second guessed myself a little and thought about taking the longer, easier route but Favian felt great so we took the direct route."

The hesitation at the start of the course caused the pair to add 12.4 time faults to their dressage score and moved them down to 23rd place. The drop in placing did not dampen Pride's excitement over how well cross-country went. "It just felt great to finish my first five-star and to have so many people there supporting us," she said. "But then you had to put it all aside and get ready for the next day." The "next day" being the final horse inspection before show jumping.

Favian passed the final inspection Sunday morning and Pride entered the show jump warm up ring later that afternoon. Overall, the show jump course was presenting competitors with technical questions that were causing several rails to drop. Unfortunately, Pride and Favian also dropped a few rails but stayed in 23rd place overall. "He got a little tired at the end [of the course] and was slightly twisting away from the jumbotron while we went into the triple," Pride explained. "To have two rails in the final second was disappointing but you just don't know what horse you will have left at the end of shows like this."

In the end, Pride was the only Maryland-based entry to complete the CCI5*-L and for this, she is very proud. "I'm so proud of being a Marylander and being in Area II," she said. "And so proud of Maryland. It is really special to get to compete at home and I hope other Maryland eventers get to experience this sort of thing. Being able to compete at the highest level of our sport right in our home state."

Winter Homework

Heading into winter, Pride is planning a trip to Florida to compete at the World Equestrian Festival in Ocala. Her winter competition plans include jumpers, however, not eventing. "Favian needs the practice and to get his show jumping muscles more fit. I'm hoping doing a lot of jumper shows will help improve this phase for him moving forward," Pride explained.

While Favian will be working on show jumping, Pride is continuing her own education as an international eventing official and judge. Pride is currently a Level 2 Eventing Judge through the USEF and a Senior Eventing Judge through USEA. "I'm working on my Level 3 so I'll be able to judge at the five-star level," she stated.

After Florida, it's off to Kentucky to take another stab at a five-star.



Valerie jokes about how picking just the right outfit for the international jogs can be just as stressful as the competition saying, "Favian is just so stunning!"



The Mighty Theodore

An additional member of the Blue Clover Eventing team is Theodore, a 13-year-old registered Miniature Horse that accompanies Favian everywhere. "Favian is kind of mean towards other horses but also hates being alone and we kept trying to figure out a companion that could help keep him relaxed," Pride explained. "And then we found Theodore and it was love at first sight!"

Pride also explained that she always asks permission to bring the Mini to competitions but so far, all show organizers have said yes. "They seem to understand that some horses need a companion in order to perform their best," Pride said. In order to travel to FEI-level competitions, Theodore is micro chipped and has his own passport!

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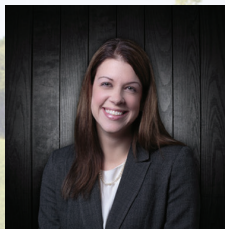
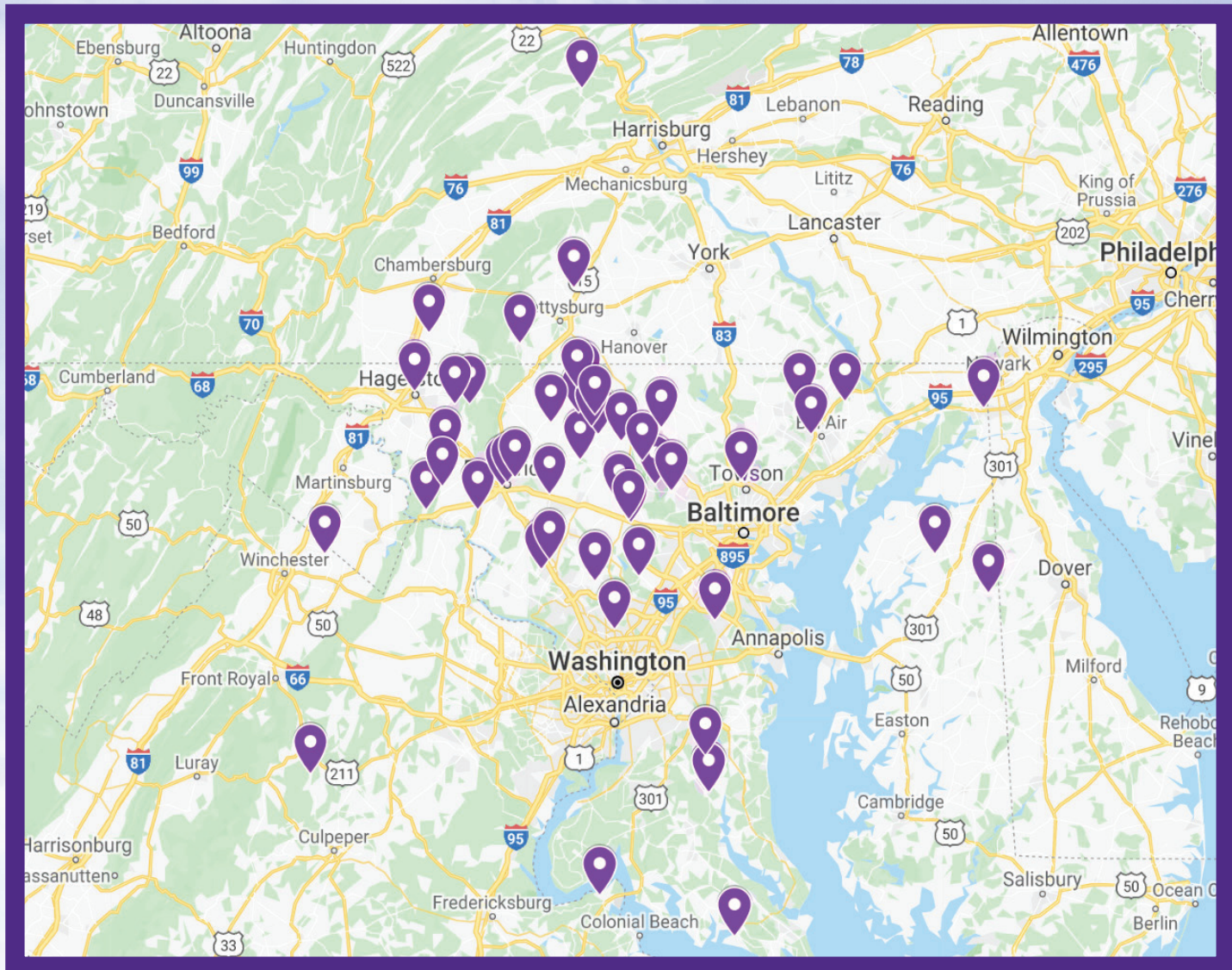
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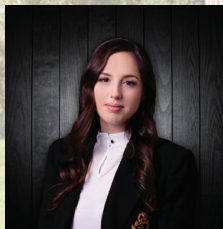
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The Inaugural Maryland 5 Star in Review

It finally happened. After years of planning and construction, and a one-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill came and went in the most spectacular fashion. Being one of only seven international events at the five-star level, and one of two five-star events in the U.S., the Maryland 5 Star had incredibly high standards to meet, and based on the results of a survey done by *The Equiery* after the event, it generally succeeded.

Who Did the Reviewing

The majority of those who took our survey were spectators (85.9%) while 14.3% were volunteers. We also had a few vendors (4.6%), owners of a competing horse (14.3%), sponsors (2.9%) and media (2.2%) fill out the survey. In addition, 0.4% were competitors and 2% were grooms or family members of competitors, giving our survey a well-rounded and diverse set of perspectives from over 450 people.

For the 4.6% who said they did not attend the Maryland 5 Star in person, most said they did not attend due to conflicts with other activities during the event (October 13-17). A few (1.1%) said they did not know about the event, and even fewer (0.4%) said they did not attend due to ticket price.

Nearly all of those who did not attend said they watched some of the coverage on MPT and were impressed with what they saw. Several international viewers also took the survey, with one person writing: "UK residents not permitted to enter USA. I was bitterly disappointed having planned to attend in 2020 and bought flights in April for 2021. I watched on Horse and Country TV wishing I could have been there."

The majority (88.7%) of our survey respondents said they attended the event on Saturday for the cross-country phase. The second most popular day was Sunday for the show jumping finale (43.7%) and then Friday, for the second day of dressage (36.6%). We asked people to check off all days they attended and many reported they attended more than one day.

Tickets & Seating

Ticket prices seemed to be "just right" according to 50.2%, while 22.5% said the ticket prices were too high. No one clicked the "too low" box for ticket prices. There were a few people (20.9%) who said they did not pay for their tickets with most of those people being volunteers, sponsors, or vendors.

One complaint that came up several times in the ticket price section was that bleacher seating was uncomfortable considering the cost of the tickets. One person wrote in, "I bought Tier 2 seats for nearly \$300 for three days and had to sit in bleachers. The location was super but was not comfortable at all and unless they change to seats with backs, I won't purchase them again."

Others suggested more affordable options for the average attendee with less VIP-type seating. Many also commented that on some days, people were not checking tickets so anyone could sit anywhere, which defeated the purpose of paying higher prices for better seats.

Our survey also showed that many people who attended were able to see the competition well (43.7%) while only 12.7% said they could not. Several people wrote in that they would like general admission tickets to be closer to the dressage arenas for Thursday and Friday.

The majority who attended on Saturday for cross-country were very pleased with how close they were able to get to the gallop lanes and cross-country jumps. Several people noted how much action they could see in the Sawmill part of the course with one person writing, "Sawmill area was amazing – offered vantage points of so many jumps including the water and the drop – two of the most iconic/worth photographing. Our group will definitely look for a similar spot next year!"

Vendors & Food

Those who took our survey were nearly split on the question about the Vendor Village. 39.3% said the Vendor Village was "just right" while 32.9% said there were "not enough options." Another 2.1% said there were "too many options" while 25.6% clicked "other" and wrote in comments.

Comments included:

- "Most of the vendors were by the start of cross-country. It would have been nice if all vendors were in the same place, closer to the arena."
- "Would like to have seen more tack store/gift options."
- "The Vendor Village near the main arena was nice. We did not understand the odd semi-circle of smaller vendor tents. Honestly, a vendor area with a view of the jumbotron would be ideal."
- "There were plenty of vendors but not enough shopping. Many vendors were real estate, etc. Would have been nice to have more diverse shopping options."
- "Vendor village was too far away from the cross-country course."

Several people noted that vendors in general closed down too early after the competition ended each day, although it is our understanding that vendors were asked to shut down early on Saturday and seek shelter in their vehicles because of the incoming storms. On the other days, vendors were told to open by 8 am and shut down 30 minutes after the competition ended each day.

Next year, the organizers should consider allowing the vendors to open longer than 30 minutes after the end of competition.

For the Food Vendors, our survey revealed that there simply were "not enough options" (58.1%). Only 12.8% said the food options were "just right" and 0.2% felt the food vendors were "poor quality." Another 3.8% said the food



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was too expensive and 25.1% clicked "other" and added comments.

Most of the comments were about the food trucks on the cross-country course. Many felt there were just not enough of them, which created unreasonably long lines and wait times. Several people also said that in the future, they would appreciate water stands along the cross-country course with either bottled water for purchase or some sort of refilling station for reusable bottles.

The Venue

Although so many people in our survey made comments about how beautiful the Fair Hill property is, our questions about general venue accommodations such as parking, restrooms, etc., received varied responses.

For parking, 45.3% said the parking options were just right while 31.1% said they needed improvement. Only 5.8% said the parking exceeded their expectations. Most of the comments were that the parking location was fantastic but the traffic management was very poor, especially at the end of the day when most people were leaving all at once.

There were many requests for more signs as to which lots were for which type of parking (e.g. general admission, VIP, volunteers, etc.) as well as requests for more signs directing people to the various areas of the venue. Someone wrote in that large billboard style "you are here" venue maps would have been very helpful.

Having said that, however, 36% said things were easy to find while 35.8% said things were difficult to find – a statistically even split.

Our survey showed that 45% felt the bathroom facilities were adequate while 21.4% felt they were inadequate. The only write in comments about the bathrooms were that more port-a-johns were needed on the cross-country course.

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As for the shuttle service, which apparently was only available on cross-country day, 51.2% said it was inadequate while only 8.8% said the shuttle service was adequate. Many people simply wrote in the comments "What shuttle service?" or "There was a shuttle?" Other people felt the shuttles that were offered, which were only from the parking area to and from the Sawmill Field, were too small and got crowded quickly and created very long waiting lines.

Next year, the organizers should consider bringing back the larger tractor driven "people movers" to help get people out to cross-country and back to their cars. Shuttle stops along the actual cross-country course would be helpful too, if the design of the course were to allow.

One of the places where the venue really shined was with its general hospitality of staff and volunteers. Our survey showed that 45.1% felt hospitality was "just right" while 29.5% stated it "exceeded expectations." Only 8.8% felt the hospitality they encountered needed improvement.

Comments on hospitality included "Fantastic!", "Volunteers were amazing!" and "Everyone was pleasant and happy to be there, but they did admit that things were a bit chaotic!"

One concern that attendees raised was that volunteers could benefit from having more information about where things were located

such as bathrooms, cross-country start, etc.

Lastly, someone also asked why there were no mounted outriders as in previous years.

Official Program & Logo Wear

Many of our survey takers did not realize there would not be a printed program, printed course maps, or order of go available once they were on the grounds. The commendable decision to "go green" appeared to have back-fired slightly, with 37.9% of spectators saying they did not even know there was a digital program, and 5% saying the digital program needed improvement.

The most common complaint about the digital program was that it was too hard to see on the small screen of most phones, especially when standing out in the glaring sun. Others said the digital program was too large a file to download onto their

phones, and many who tried found the wifi network either insufficient or unreliable.

On the other hand, 23.7% of spectators said the digital program was just right, and 5.6% said it exceeded their expectations. One person wrote in, "Digital program was beautiful, but need some printed course maps and order of go each day." Another person stated, "The program was very robust but not something I'd be looking through to easily access information."

All in all, it seems while the digital program



Spectators were thrilled with how close to the action on cross-country they could get but wished there were more food trucks out on the course.

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was stunning to look at on a larger screen, spectators want a program with maps and other essential information in hand while at the venue.

As for logo wear and official Maryland 5 Star merchandise... the only real complaint was that they ran out! If you missed out on purchasing merchandise while at the venue, you can still purchase items online.

Exhibitions, Horseland & More

One of the popular aspects of the previous "Fair Hill Festival in the Country" was the abundance of demonstrations, the kids zone, and the activities for those who may want more than just competition to watch. The Maryland 5 Star did not offer much in terms of extra activities. Only 7.9% of our respondents said the extra activities needed improvement, however, with 24.8% responding that the amount of extra activities was just right.

On the other hand, many (43.5%) respondents did not know there were any non-competition things to watch, although the majority of the comments said that spectators really did not have much time to watch demonstrations anyway. Many wrote in statements like "we came to watch the competition" or "we came for cross-country only."

One "extra" that a lot of spectators did enjoy was the VIP Pet Experience put on by MARS Equestrian. Comments included "Loved the VIP pet experience" and "VIP pet experience was fun for my puppy!" In general, dog owners were pleased with how dog friendly and inclusive the venue was with one person writing, "I brought my dog and loved the dog tent, doggie daycare, etc."

A suggestion that kept popping up in this section of our survey was for more kid-friendly activities such as face painting, and for photo ops

or autograph sessions with the five-star riders.

Parting Words

When asked what their overall general impression of the inaugural Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill was, 50.9% said it needed improvement while 25.6% said the event exceeded their expectations. The overall impression comments were varied with one common thread... this year's five-star was a fabulous first time event that needs some tweaking here and there.

The Equiery hopes that the five-star organizing committee is open to the suggestions from its spectators. The Maryland 5 Star is an opportunity for the entire state to gain worldwide recognition, and we look forward to bigger and better events to come. After all, 81.7% of those who took our survey said they plan to return in 2022!

A Competitor's Perspective

From a competitor's perspective, the first Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill received mixed reviews. The overall impression of the event was split 50/50 between "needs improvement" and "exceeded expectations."

Competitors were also split 50/50 on the Vendor Village between "just right" and "not enough options." They all agreed (100%) however, that there needs to be more food options.

Parking received a 50/50 split between "just right" and "needs improvement" and a comment in the general venue section of the survey was "needs more trash cans."

Competitors also agreed that the hospitality of staff and volunteers they interacted with was either just right or exceeded expectations. No competitors said this area of the five-star experience needed improvement.

The digital program got mixed reviews from competitors with 50% saying it was just right and the other 50% saying it needed improvement. Competitors were not happy with the official logo wear and merchandise options with 100% saying it needed improvement. One competitor stated, "was disappointed in the logo wear as the logo wasn't really visible on the nicer clothing/jackets."

The shuttles for competitors also seemed to be an issue, with one competitor writing, "shuttle would run from stabling to the vendor area, but no return shuttles were available" and "more accessibility to remote areas for grooms and owners."

Competitors were also frustrated with the camping situation in the stabling area as they reported that more hook-up stations were sold than were actually available on the grounds. There was also a power and water problem when competitors first arrived, although those were quickly resolved.

When asked if they plan to attend the five-star in 2022, all competitors who took our survey said yes. One parting comment from a competitor was, "We will be back in 22, but wish it was closer to home! Well done, Mary [Coldren]! Thanks for all you do!"



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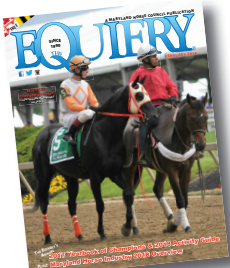
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Equestrian Sports Association of Maryland held a tailgate gathering on cross-country day.

Alex Abella



Cianna and Brian Rutledge at the MCTA booth in the Vendor Village.

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Course builder Eric Bull with cross-country jump judges MarySue Mood and Stacy Iacono.

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The U.S. Army Caisson Platoon was on hand for a demonstration and for spectators to meet their horses at Horseland behind the main arena.

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Although British rider Oliver Townend may not be from Maryland, his CCI3*-L mount Ulises is! Juli Hutchings Sebring owns Ulises, who ended up finishing third in the division.

Chelsea Spear



The Maryland-bred Quantum Leap was ridden to a top 10 placing in the CCI5*-L by rider/owner Doug Payne. Quantum Leap was bred by Elizabeth Callahan of Oxford.

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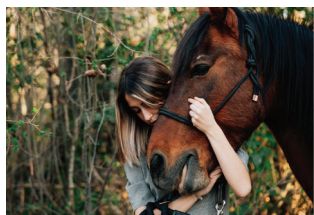


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Celebrating High-Quality Horse Farm Stewardship in Maryland Spotlight on Fine Idea Farm, Mt. Airy, Howard County

Abby Gibbon, owner and operator of Fine Idea Farm in Howard County, recently was named Conservation Farm of the Year by the Howard Soil Conservation District.

by Abby Gibbon, Fine Idea Farm

Beyond humbled to be named the Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Howard Soil Conservation District, especially since agricultural conservation is an issue near and dear to my heart. Only hold on a sec, because the “real” champion of this story isn’t me but my awesome neighbor and lifelong friend Kristen Parris, whom many of you know as a badass eventing and dressage rider/trainer.



Abby Gibbon being presented the Conservation Farm of the Year award by Howard County Soil Conservation District’s Kristen Parris.

Somehow Kristen also jam-packs her days doing extremely meaningful work with the Soil Conservation District, and it was Kristen who reached out to me after I posted a hilariously sad selfie on Facebook a few

winters ago, icicles hanging from my hat after breaking ice out of water troughs on a sub-freezing day. Turns out the Soil Conservation District helps farmers like me design and install amazing things like freeze proof automatic waterers, a project that would not have even been on my radar as a new farmer, for whom the overheads of starting up are more often than not astronomical.

Over the years, Kristen and the SCD have helped me implement a few new practices that have not only changed my life in terms of workload, but helped the horses, helped me keep employees and clients happy, and reduced strain on the environment, which will help keep this farming operation viable for years to come.

Conserving and protecting farmland is extremely environmentally vital, and we must support our farmers through programs like these -- a program I didn’t realize even existed.

I was excited to host Howard County Council members and Senator Katie Fry Hester for District 9, on DATE to talk about the importance of the equine industry in our area, and I will continue to do my part as a member of the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and as new Associate Member of the Soil Conservation Board. If you’d like to learn more about any of these programs, please hit me up!

But most of all, I’m beyond grateful to my fellow Howard County Pony Clubber Kristen for introducing me to these resources. You are doing great work, I’m so happy we’re neighbors, and so in awe of the amazing things you do! Horse girls can truly do anything -- thank you!!

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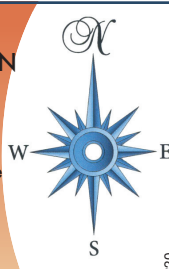
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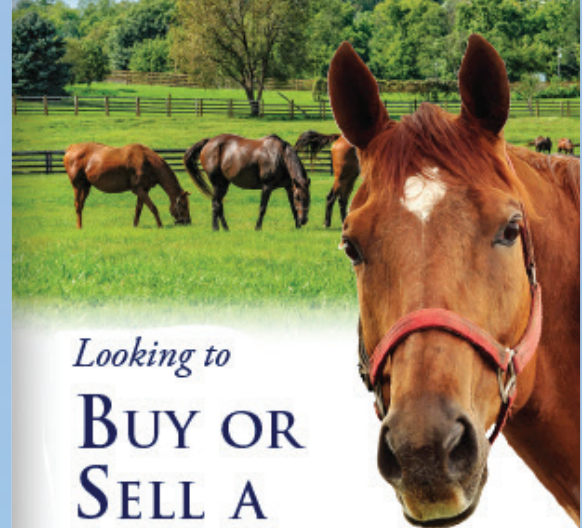


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The champion hunt team from Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, from left: Rob Keller, Ashton Williams, Bet Bridges, Lauren Mentzel, Du-laney O'Neil and Scarlet Davies.



Valerie Levin and Kayla Seymour at Marlborough Hunt Club's opening meet.



Brooke Grove Farm in Olney held a costume parade on October 30 for its young boarders.



Stephanie Williams and Southern Charm at Maryland Open Horse Show Series held at Schooley Mill Park in Highland in October.



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The Maryland Horse Council welcomes new sponsor and member **Compete Easy**, an Australian company founded in 2001 to process on-line entries for equestrian events. Since then, the company has added LiveScore Dressage and Jumping apps to their offerings, both which have seen an explosion of growth since competition venues began reducing paper scoring and paper entries as a result of the pandemic. MHC sponsor and long-time industry member **Loch Moy Farm** has been using Compete Easy apps at its competitions this year, as have numerous other competition venues around the country. The U.S. Dressage Federation has approved the company's scoring apps for licensed competitions, and the United States Eventing Association is in the process of approving both the dressage and jumping scoring apps for recognized horse trials. Compete Easy, which now also has office space at the Maryland Horse Council Center building in Lisbon, will be represented by Lloyd Raleigh.



COMPETE EASY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



After starting their plumbing careers in the 1980s with a large operation in the Washington metropolitan area, in 2001 John Hommerbocker and **Kevin Nottingham** broke off to start their own business, **First Class Mechanical**, serving most of central Maryland (Carroll County, Howard County, Frederick County, Baltimore County). First Class Mechanical is one of the few plumbing companies that actually embraces farms. Nottingham and Hommerbocker will do all those farm plumbing things that most plumbers are either unwilling or unable to do. Hydrants in barns and outbuildings? No problem. A leak somewhere underground? They will find it. They are also certified by Nelson to install and maintain automatic waterers. A miracle.

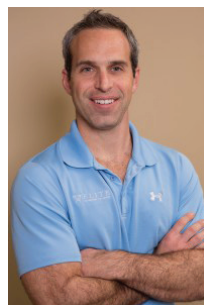


Elisabeth Yeager of **Elisabeth Yeager Homes & Farms Group of Keller Williams Realty Partners** is NOT related to steeplechaser Annie Yeager, although she apparently gets asked that a lot! "I wish!" exclaimed the Boston native who came to the University of Maryland and never left once she discovered how perfect Maryland is for her life-long equine habit. A former equitation and hunter rider, Elisabeth now is competing in adult jumpers and hunting with the Carrollton Hounds. Elisabeth's first career was in digital marketing but real estate captured her heart. "I fell in love! I started a team last spring and now have three agents and full time staff on board with me!"

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Maryland native **Dr. Josh Bross**, a Certified Chiropractic Sports Practitioner (CCSP) as well as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CCSP), opened **Elite Chiropractic & Sport** in Columbia 10 years ago to provide advanced soft tissue treatments and rehabilitation services to athletes in the Maryland and DC area. Dr. Bross specializes in Active Release and Graston Techniques, dry needling, and traditional chiropractic adjustments. Dr. Bross received an undergraduate degree in neurobiology and physiology from the UMD-College Park in 2000. He earned an MS in Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology from the University of Southern California in 2004, and his Doctorate of Chiropractic from Southern California University of Health Sciences - Whittier in 2007. While not a horseman himself, Dr. Bross and his highly trained associates have increasingly come to appreciate the physical demands that riding can put on the human body. They have been keeping MHC Co-President Kim Egan in the saddle for the last 2 years, which is about as tough a job as any chiropractor could be asked to take on. Elite received its Industry Professional membership as a perk of its advertising contract with the *The Equiery*.



New member **Southern Maryland Equine Miracles** was featured on the cover of the November issue of *The Equiery*! You can read the full story about SMEM and co-founder Melinda Burdin on equiery.com.

Marlene Perricone joined as an Industry Professional member in anticipation of the day her farm, **Briella**, can open its doors to the public. "We are in the process of rehabilitating the farm we purchased," Marlene explained, "and once the renovations are completed, we will then be in a position to welcome clients. A website and such will occur when we are complete with construction/renovations. As you can imagine, the COVID situation has created issues in hiring

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and scheduling contractors, as well as supply chain issues. and our timeline has really been impacted." Best wishes that your grand opening will be imminent!



Not all of the students in the University of Maryland Equine Studies Program actually go on to a career in horses, but some do. **Amy Posey** is the owner and operator of the "great little boarding barn" **Fiddler's Folly** in Edgewater (Anne Arundel County), which she leases from long-time equestrian Mary Hoffman. In addition to running the boarding operation, Posey is a certified Nutrient Management Planner and serves on the board of the Prince George's Soil Conservation District. September's Hurricane Ida spun off some F2 tornados, one of which roared through Fiddler's Folly, demolishing sheds and knocking down fences and trees. No one was hurt, however, and the combined test that weekend kicked on!



Ken and Jill Moss started **Kingdom Horse Trailers** after they looked into buying a trailer for their daughter. They became highly annoyed at what they believed were the unreasonably high prices of new trailers. That was in 2013. Today, business is booming and the couple has two locations, the original location in Harford County and a second location in North Carolina. Kingdom Horse Trailers received their Industry Professional membership as a perk of their *Equiery* advertising contract.

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This monthly column in *The Equiery*, (which is owned and published by the Maryland Horse Council) is designed to meet the demands of MHC's Industry Professional Members: a place where you can publicize your professional news and updates. Have you taken on a new partner? Hired a new manager or trainer? Brought a new vet into your practice? Promoted an employee? Moved your location? Received a commendation or award? Changed brokerages or practices? Hired a new director of development? If so, we want to know! Please send your news to IndustryNews@mdhorsecouncil.org.

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Alexandra Lockard and Centalia were champion in the Children's Jumper division at the WIHS Regional Horse Show.



Brianna Cooper and Ambition were grand champions in the Children's Hunter Horse division at the WIHS Regional Horse Show.



Kori Pickett, daughter of Laura Pickett, with Madison Smyth, the recipient of the 10th annual Laura Pickett Excellence in Horsemanship Award presented by Victoria Lowell and Charles Ancona.



Sophia Vella of The Plains, Virginia, and Just For Kicks were co-grand champions in the Adult Amateur Hunter division at the WIHS Regional Horse Show which earned them their ticket to WIHS 2021 where they won the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Amateur Hunter Championship presented by MARS Equestrian™.

Tiffany Foster (CAN) and Figor, owned by Artisan Farms LLC and Tiffany Foster, won the \$215,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI4*-W for the President's Cup, presented by Mars Equestrian™ at Tryon International Equestrian Center.

**More Photos from
the 2021 WIHS
on *The Equiery's*
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Riders from the DMV area participated in the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase supported by Tryon International Equestrian Center during the Washington International Horse Show presented by MARS Equestrian™.



Holleigh Arledge and McNick were champion in the Adult Jumper division at the WIHS Regional Horse Show.



Emily Giorgio won the 2021 MHSA Gittings Horsemanship Finals.

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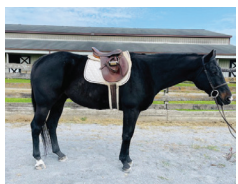
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MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Kevin W. Gowl of Pylesville died on October 10 at the age of 67. Born in Baltimore, Gowl was a professional horse trainer and had been active in the horse show world since the 1960s. He started riding when he was 10 years old and began showing in the U.S. and Canada as a professional when he was 18. At the time, he mainly showed horses for his father Wade Hawthorne, campaigning them at the top shows and selling new stock. Some of his biggest riding accomplishments include championship honors at the Washington International Horse Show, Pennsylvania National Horse Show at Harrisburg, and the Devon Horse Show. He also won the Governor's Cup at Devon, the Indianapolis Grand Prix, and the Charlotte (NC) Puissance Wall Class. He once won the Puissance class at WIHS jumping at 6'9".



Kevin W. Gowl

John R. Dudderar, Jr. died on October 18 at the age of 76. Dudderar was an avid fox chaser and started hunting with Sterling "Buck" Blacksten's pack, and later with Taylorsville Hunt Club, Plum Run Hunt and, most recently, Carrollton Hounds. Dudderar's son Jason Dudderar is Jt-MFH at Carrollton. Dudderar graduated from Sykesville High School and the University of Baltimore before attending the University of Baltimore Law School. He also attended Virginia Commonwealth University to study rehabilitation counseling, as well as the University of Tennessee's deaf education program. Dudderar worked for the state of Maryland as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and also maintained a real estate and estate planning law practice.

Marie May Nicholson died on October 24 at the age of 93 in Frederick. Nicholson was born in Adamstown and her family moved to Frederick soon after. She graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1946 and worked for C&P Telephone in Frederick after graduation.

She met her future husband, Earle Nicholson, at a local barn dance, and they were married on January 20, 1950. The couple moved to Urbana where Earle Nicholson was the farm manager of Maple Hill Farm. Marie Nicholson became the farm's bookkeeper. She also led the Urbana Girls 4-H Club for many years, and she was the superintendent of the Crafts Department in the 4-H building of The Great Frederick Fair. Nicholson was also a charter member and treasurer/secretary of the Maryland Draft Horse & Mule Association. She helped her husband bring back the Draft Horse & Mule Show to both the Montgomery and Frederick fairs.

Tom Dupin of Silver Spring and part time farm worker at Periwinkle Farm died on October 29. He was 72. Dupin was born in Kentucky, and he attended the University of Cincinnati and Morehead State University. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in the early 1970s and became a drummer for the Jazz Ambassadors, the official touring Jazz Ensemble of the U.S. Army



Tom Dupin

Field Band. After retiring from the Army, Dupin toured with "In the Mood, Live" both in the U.S. and abroad. "Tom has been a wonderful presence here at the farm for 20 years," said Periwinkle owner LuAnne Levens, who added, "He responded to an ad for someone here at the farm to help do mostly landscaping stuff,

STORK REPORT



Tiffanie Thayer

Congratulations to Lexi and Jon Horner on the birth of daughter **Josephine Rose Horner** on October 5, 2021.

and he learned to be with the horses and loved them. He enjoyed all creatures great and small." Levens also said, "He was a very kind, hard-working, and intelligent person. We shall all think about him with love and great affection."

Dr. William R. Rosenberger of Reisterstown died on November 2. He was 91. Born in Westminster, Dr. Rosenberger was the owner of the Reisterstown Veterinary Center, which he joined in the early 1960s and where he went on to become a partner and then sole owner. He graduated from Westminster High School in 1947 and completed his undergraduate work in Biology at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in 1951. He earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Rosenberger's most famed clients were Native Dancer and the other horses at the Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm. He was also the on-call veterinarian for the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and was the onsite veterinarian for the Maryland Steeplechase Association's Governor's Cup Series races for many years.

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Hello Beautiful, bred in Maryland by Hillwood Stables, LLC, has won three for three in her Maryland Million races, this year winning the Distaff for the second year in a row. Owned by Madaket Stables, Albert Frassetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stables and Magic City Stables, the 2017 mare is by Golden Lad and out of Hellow Now, by Tiznow. Hello Beautiful won the Maryland Million Lassie in 2019.



Maryland Jockey Club

Bred in New Jersey by owner G.J. Stables, Prendimi won the Maryland Million Classic. Prendimi is by Maryland-sire Dance With Ravens and out of the Tour D'Or mare Cigno D'Oro. He previously finished second in the Maryland Million Classic in 2019.



William Brown of Periwinkle Farm with BethAnn Dixon.



Maryland Jockey Club

Maryland-bred Epic Idea won the Maryland Million Ladies Stakes for owner/breeder Vivian Rall. The five-year-old is by Great Notion and out of Calliope, by Outflanker. Epic Idea won this same race in 2020.

Air Token, the 2017 gelding by Golden Lad, won the Maryland Million Sprint. Bred in Maryland by Carol Ann Kaye, he is out of Saint Dinorah, by St. Averil and is owned by Corrales Racing, LLC.



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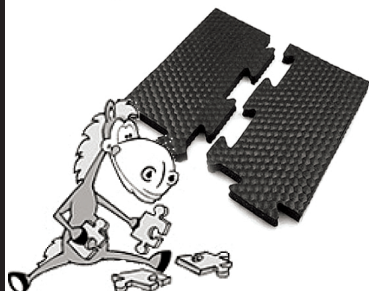
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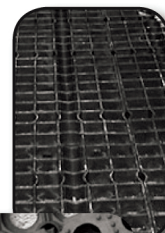
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