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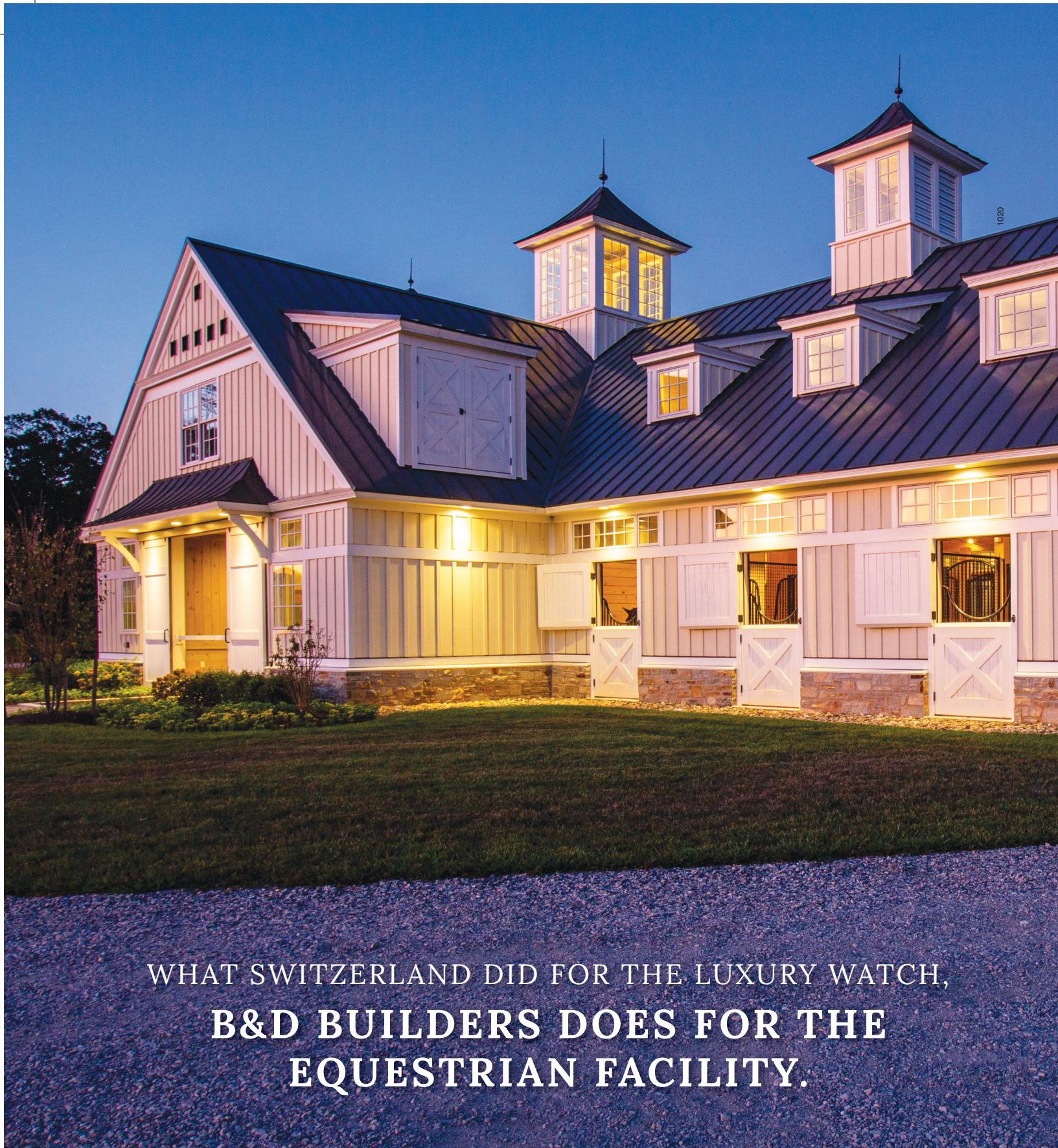
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In celebration of October Maryland Horse Month, we searched the Equiery archives in order to find a cover-worthy photo that expressed the purpose of Horse Month... celebrate Maryland horses, generate tourism in Maryland and bring new people into Maryland's horse community. What better choice than an Assateague Island National Seashore wild pony! Shawn Paley submitted this photo to the 2020 Equiery Photo Contest and the Maryland Horse Industry Board has sponsored this month's cover. Read more about Maryland Horse Month on page 42 of this issue!



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Maryland's Horse Month

By Neil Agate, MHC President

Like just about every aspect of our lives this year, 2020 has been crazy for the Maryland Horse Industry. With a myriad of changing restrictions and cancelled events, just caring for our horses has been a challenge, let alone running our businesses and promoting our great industry here in Maryland. One sliver of hope for our community has been the focus on social distancing, which has shone a light on riding as a relatively safe way of exercising when many other forms of exercise have restrictions. Being able to take a riding lesson or go on a trail ride is an easy way to exercise while social distancing and keeping us all safe.

Earlier this year, a number of Maryland Horse Industry leaders were part of the Governor's pandemic recovery committee. As we endlessly discussed all aspects of the horse community, and how to get us all back out with our horses, we had a number of discussions about how this would affect Maryland's traditional horse month of October.

October is usually one of our busiest months with many horse shows, races and other events every weekend during this fall month. This year many of these organized activities have, at best, had to be severely curtailed and many have been outright cancelled. So like many events and activities, we started to talk about how to highlight those activities that were proceeding and how to enhance this month of equine activities by providing online information and virtual activities to highlight the horse in Maryland.

The horse community has been working with the Maryland Department of Tourism on highlighting a number of educational and experiential activities on one community site, marylandhorse.com, with the goal of introducing new people to the horse community and helping them get involved with horses.

The Maryland Horse Council along with *The Equiery* and METS have been working on a number of contributions to Maryland Horse Month including an online educational series of webinars with the University of Maryland to introduce newcomers to the horse industry. The series will cover finding a lesson program, what to wear and bring to your first lesson, what to think about when buying or leasing a horse and what to look for when thinking about buying a horse property. More details, dates and schedule can be found on page 43 of this issue.

We have also combined a series of articles from *The Equiery* on lesson and trail riding barns with our online stable directory to provide a one single destination to easily find a riding program appropriate for all sorts of needs.

In addition, the staff at *The Equiery* have scanned our archives and pulled together a series of horse related day trips and activities that can be enjoyed during these times of social distancing. These day trip ideas can be found both on equiery.com and marylandhorse.com. The Mary-

land Horse Industry Board has also generated a list of socially distant tourist destinations, which can also be found on marylandhorse.com.

Our very active MHC Farm Stewardship committee has worked diligently to enhance and expand the information available to the horse community on making our horse farms truly sustainable and healthier for both horses and riders. An ever increasing listing of easy tips for a sustainable horse property as well as informative blog posts will be available on the committee's updated webpage.

Other features that will be highlighted on MarylandHorse.com include a calendar of events that can either be attended in person or live streamed during the month. We would like to send out a challenge to our readers to participate in as many of these activities as possible. See page 44 of this issue for a fun game... prizes to the winner!

Upcoming for MHC Elections

By Kim Egan, MHC Nominating Committee Member

The time is drawing near for MHC members to vote on a new Board of Directors. MHC hold elections for its Board of Directors every two years. The Board consists of no more than 25 members, and as required by the MHC by-laws, is comprised of the proportionate number of representatives from each of the three MHC membership categories, i.e., Association, Industry Professional and Individual memberships.

The Executive Committee has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates to present to the membership. Members will receive that slate at least 30 days before the November annual meeting. You can see a list of the current Directors at <https://www.md-horsecouncil.org/about-us/governance/board-of-directors>.

Keep an eye out for the virtual meeting information for this important event in the MHC calendar!



METS Benefit Show!

By Emily Stakem, METS

METS would like to send the biggest thank you to the Maryland Open Horse Show Series and Joan Bosmans for their willingness to host a benefit show on our behalf. Joan has been a supporter of METS since the beginning and has taken ownership of four METS horses so far.

We appreciate the generosity of the MOHSS

Junior Board and everyone involved in the planning of this fantastic event! To learn more about the MOHSS please visit their website at <https://mohssinfo.com/>.

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Eastern Shore Forest Products is an MHC business member (corporate name Animal Comfort Group, LLC) that makes animal bedding and energy pellets. President Tom Johnson stated on the company's Facebook page that the company has contingency plans in place for such disasters and hoped to be back to full capacity within two weeks. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. No one was injured.

Equine Rabies Case in Maryland

On September 2, the Maryland Department of Agriculture confirmed a five-year-old Warmblood gelding in Montgomery County was euthanized due to a confirmed case of rabies. The horse had been showing signs of aggression and

tested positive for rabies. Maryland and Virginia health departments across several counties have notified people who were potentially exposed. Two horses that have been exposed were previously vaccinated. They received boosters and were placed under a 45-day hold order.

Marylanders Win Big at Dressage Championships

Sara Hassler and Hannah Irons both won top honors at this year's Dressage National Championships.

Hassler, of Chesapeake City, won the Adequan/USEF Young Adult Brentina Cup National Championship riding Harmony's Boitano, owned by Hassler and Leslie Malone. Hassler and Boitano won the first test but had a few bobbles in their second test. It was their freestyle test that clinched them the championship title with an overall score of 69.269%.

Irons, of Queenstown, rode Scola Bella to win the Horsecare Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship. The pair won the class with a score of 73.088%. Irons leases Scola Bella from Dressage4Kids, Inc. and also earned the overall top score with a 71.471%.

ognition and enforcement power for a Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority to design and implement uniform national horse racing medication and racetrack safety standards. The Authority would be an independent, non-governmental regulatory body responsible for setting national standards for track safety, anti-doping and medication rules, and lab protocols.

There is widespread support for the bill among Thoroughbred groups, but the United States Trotting Association has announced its opposition to several elements of the proposed legislation. In a statement, USTA said, "While the United States Trotting Association (USTA) strongly supports state-regulated, breed-specific, uniform medication rules for horse racing, the USTA strongly opposes the HISA for a number of reasons and sees several areas of significant concern to the Standardbred racing industry." In particular, USTA objects to the ban on race-day use of Lasix, and argues that the funding mechanism for the new regulatory authority would fall disproportionately and unfairly on the harness industry. In addition, USTA objects to the mandated drug-testing authority being delegated to a private company that has no background in animal testing.



Century Ride: Dottie Wolf & Impressive Suzy

Dottie Wolf and Impressive Suzy completed a Century Ride on September 18 at Petticoat's Advance dressage show in Upperco. The Century Ride is for riders and horses that have a combined age of 100 or more years. Wolf is 71.5 years old and her Quarter Horse mare Impressive Suzy is 28.5 years old. "Suzy is the most wonderful horse and I wanted to honor her. She has been the greatest friend and we continue to have fun together," Wolf said.

Racing Integrity & Safety Act Update

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act passed out of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 9, following a bipartisan 46-5 vote. The bill is now poised to move to a House floor vote.

The bill, H.R. 1754, advanced with amendments that match legislation introduced in the Senate. The Senate legislation adopted many reform measures proposed in the original House bill, while adding additional track safety measures and programs to establish safety standards for training and racing, racetrack surfaces, injury-related data analysis, safety violation investigations, hearings, and sanctions.

The bill provides federal rec-

Heavenly Cause & What a Summer Enter MD TB Hall of Fame

This year's inductees to the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame are distaffers Heavenly Cause and What a Summer. Selected by a committee of Maryland racing industry members coordinated by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland racing Media Association, the two grays excelled at the national level.

What a Summer won the 1977 Eclipse Award for Champion Sprinter. That year, the filly won six out of eight starts while also defeating males. She won the Fall Highweight Handicap (G2) under 134 lbs, which at the time was one of the biggest tests for the nation's top sprinters.

Heavenly Cause was the top two-year-old filly in the nation in 1980 when she won both the Grade 1 Selima and Frizette Stakes. She went on to win a total of seven career stakes races including the Kentucky Oaks at three. She was named the Maryland-bred Champion Filly for her two- and three-year-old seasons.

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NEWS & VIEWS *continued...*

To read more about these two Maryland-bred champions, go to mdthoroughbredhalloffame.com.

D.C. Police Disband Mounted Unit

On August 21, WJLA reported that the Metropolitan Police Department confirmed that the D.C. mounted police unit is being disbanded. A spokesperson for the department told WJLA the changes were due to recent budget cuts by the D.C. City Council.

Diversity Scholarship Follow Up

In this issue on page 17, you will read a series of interviews with the three Maryland riders who were among the winners of Nation Media's inaugural Diversity Scholarship. After these initial interviews were conducted, the owner of the Plantation Field in Unionville, PA, canceled the lease of the property held by Plantation Field Equestrian Events, Inc., stating they were terminating the running of horse trials at their property due to pressure received from *Eventing Nation* and USEA to change the name of the farm and event.

According to Denis Glaccum, President of Plantation Field Equestrian Events, Inc., the word "Plantation" in this case refers to the long history the farm has with trees and hedges being planted in the fields by a local Boy Scout troop. Glaccum stated in a September 16 press release, "Colonial Pennsylvania considered properties less than 100 acres a farm and properties with more than 100 acres a plantation. There is no reference to race in this definition. The Unionville area is historically a Quaker community. The Quakers were one of the earliest abolitionist groups and fought against slavery. This area was also part of the underground railroad."

USEA CEO Rob Burk and USEA President Max Corcoran issued the following joint state-

ment on behalf of the USEA on September 17, "Having this historic competition close isn't the right result for the sport, and the United States Eventing Association (USEA) is working hard to find a solution. The organizer and landowners operate exceptional events on a beautiful piece of land. We are deeply sensitive to the history of the word "plantation" and its connection to slavery; however, this property has no known connections to slavery and was instead named after 'plantings' on the property. We understand that neither the organizer nor the landowners have ever intended to cause any discomfort related to the name of the event and to imply otherwise is a disservice to our organizers, landowners, and our sport. The USEA does not have the ability to require an event to change its name as we are required to carry the US Equestrian (USEF) licensed name of the competition on our calendar of events. However, we are hopeful that an acceptable solution to this issue can be reached."

In response to the issue over Plantation Field, Helen Casteel, one of the scholarship winners interviewed for *The Equiery's* October article, wrote a letter to Eventing Nation's Editor-in-Chief, Leslie Wylie, asking if any people of color in the eventing community were involved with the decision to approach the owners and campaign to change the name. In her letter, Casteel suggested, "Instead of pushing for the name change and having the conflict with organizers and owners escalate, I would have requested a simple paragraph be permanently placed on the website, show brochure and any other official publication noting the history of the word 'Plantation' in this country; explaining the actual meaning behind the name 'Plantation Field' along with clear statement that all races, genders, and religions are welcome."

In addition, Casteel wrote in her letter, "On a personal level, this situation puts me in an uncomfortable position. My horse is recovering from an injury so we aren't doing any recognized horse trials this year. Next year I'm worried that people will look at me at shows and think I'm part of the reason Plantation Field isn't running anymore. I'm now feeling more like an outsider than I ever have."

Dawn Edgerton-Cameron, also featured in this month's article, issued the following statement to *The Equiery*, "Regarding the recent developments surrounding the Unionville event. I think it's sad that rather than engage in a dialog that considers how one's brand is viewed through the lens of both current events and historical context as others have done recently (i.e., Brown and Cornell Universities, the state of Rhode Island), that the leadership of one of the premier events in the nation instead chose to throw a temper tantrum. The former approach would have uplifted not only their status as leaders on the issue they say they care about and positioned them, I believe, on the right side of history."

"Instead, while this is a temporary blow to Area II and the surrounding areas, I am confident that the eventing community will establish another in its place as they have when other iconic events have shut down. In the meantime, if we are to move ahead as a community and as a society, we need to be willing to have difficult conversations on sensitive topics in a civil matter, and without knee-jerk reactions. In the meantime, let us all remember that words matter. Representation matters. Thoughtfulness matters."

To read our interviews with these two Marylanders, as well as polo player Lea Jih-Vieira, see page 17 of this issue.



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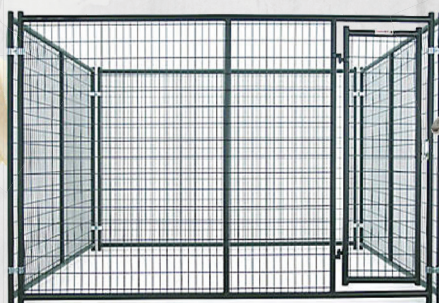
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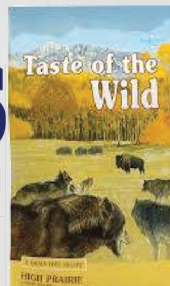


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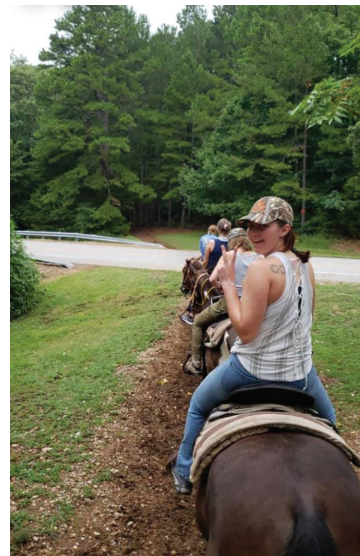
From staycations to vacations, *Equiery* readers found creative ways to spend some quality time with family and friends this summer. Here are a few travel photos from our *Equiery* readers.



For his 16th birthday, Colin Parker and his family visited Wyoming. Colin is pictured here with the Grand Tetons in the background.



Connie Baker made a day trip to Assateague Island National Seashore to visit with the ponies.



Alyssa Peddicord took a horseback tour through the Ozarks of Mountain View, Arkansas.



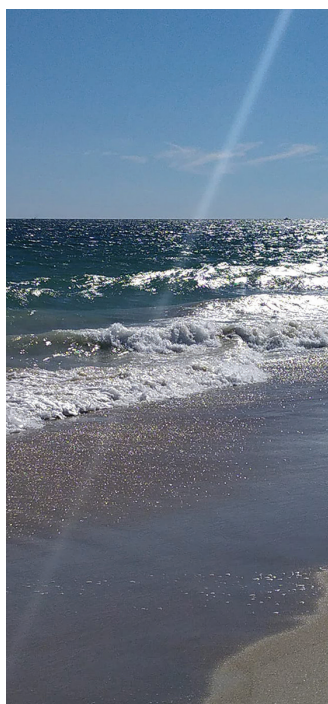
Beth Collier visited Sotterley House and its gardens in Hollywood, MD.



Marie Downey and friends took a hack through the historic Gettysburg National Military Park in PA.



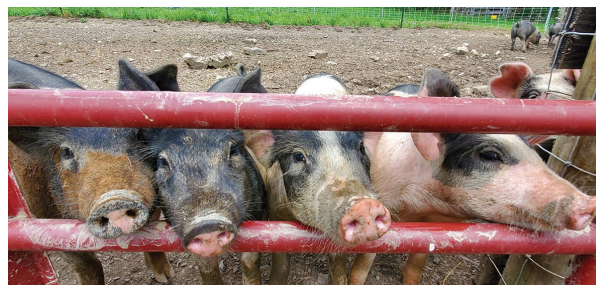
Before the world shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Linda Molesworth and Mary Russell of Lucky Cricket Farm rode through the Andes Mountains. They are pictured here at the Argentine/Chilean border in January 2020.



Daphne Schauber enjoyed a summer evening sunset while riding Misty at Valley Meadows Farm B&B in Hancock.

As of press, Paige Erudite Turner still hadn't come back from the beaches of Rhode Island!

Sandra Cartagena Powell found some different four-legged friends while traveling through Capon Spring, WV.





Vacation Scrapbook, continued...



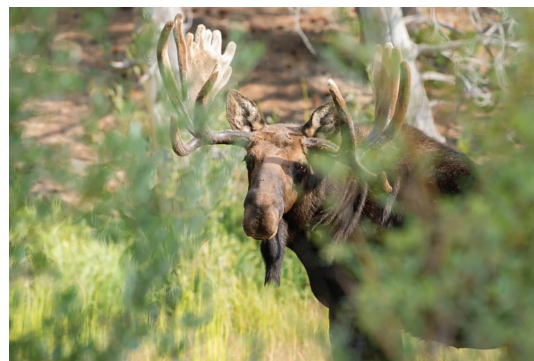
Alex Abella and friends spots a lone pony running across the beach at Assateague Island National Seashore while setting up for a summer evening bonfire.



Becky Heffner spent part of the summer exploring on her horse Cisco. She is pictured here in the 21 Horse Cave in Hocking Hills, Ohio.



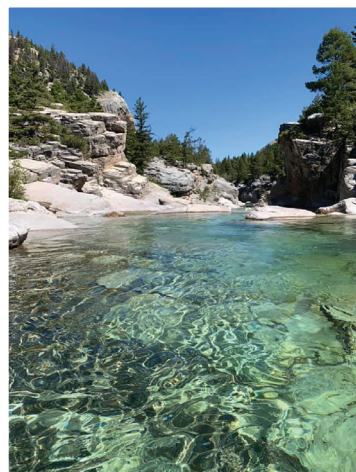
Jenn Emmart took this photo of the Devil's Marblyard near the Natural Bridge in Virginia.



Christina Dale snapped this photo of a rather large Moose while hiking in the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.



Suzanne Anderson taking in the view of the Grand Tetons' Sawtooth Ridge in Wyoming.



Diane Zrimsek found a cool spot to relax in Montana.



Amanda Allen took this photo while visiting Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.



Amanda Braun took in the views during a cross-country road trip to Yellowstone National Park. Pictured here is the Devils Tower en route to Yellowstone.



Carolyn Rowland took this photo of an Assateague Pony scratching on a tree.



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Speaking Up for Diversity in the Horse World

by Katherine O. Rizzo

In the September News & Views section of *The Equiery* we reported on Nation Media's Diversity Scholarship. This month, we have followed up with the three Maryland scholarship winners asking them to share their stories on why they applied for the scholarship and what sort of feedback they have received since their stories were published on eventingnation.com.

Each woman represents different backgrounds, different experiences and different view points, but together, along with all 21 scholarship winners, they offer first steps towards a more inclusive competitive horse world.

Helen Casteel

Helen Casteel of Silver Spring first sat on a horse as a teenager in Massachusetts when she followed a friend to a local barn and started taking lessons. "My dad was a mailman and would pick me up after school in his mail truck and drop me at the barn for lessons," she said with a chuckle. "I just liked horses and wouldn't let it go. The place was an eventing barn and I just loved it!"

Casteel did not actively start competing in eventing until much later in life when she purchased her first horse and began boarding at Waredaca in Laytonsville. "That's when I got serious about the sport," she said. "I'm not a professional [eventer] in any way, but that's ok." Casteel has competed at many different Area II venues, rode at the 2019 American Eventing Championships in Kentucky and spent part of this past winter in Florida.

Casteel stated in her scholarship essay that she feels "very fortunate in my experiences as a Black woman in the horse worlds and specifically as an Eventer. I've always ridden at racially diverse barns and am based now at a place where I've only felt welcome and safe as I train and compete." Casteel went on to write that "being the one that looks different from everyone else is something I've gotten used to but I'm lucky to not have to worry too much about it. Unfortunately, not all other BIPOC in equestrian sport have been as lucky as I have."

This is the reason why she decided to apply for the Diversity Scholarship. "When I first heard about it, I wasn't going to do the essay," she said. "This [diversity issue] has been hap-

pening for years and it has been very easy for most people, as in white people, to not think about it. I started to think 'come on guys, you knew these things were going on and haven't done anything about it.'"

So Casteel began to write her essay, not so much for the scholarship money but because of the platform being offered to speak out on the issue of diversity. "This scholarship idea was a good way to get more people to come forward

and share their thoughts," she added.

Overall the feedback Casteel has received since being one of this year's winners has been positive. "Everyone has been lovely," she said, adding, "People I haven't heard from in a while have reached out to me because of the essay." One such friend told her, "having this come from you made me think of things a bit differently," which Casteel feels is the perfect starting point, stating that thoughts on diversity need to change.

Looking back at her essay, Casteel does wish she had spent more time talking about the history of Black Americans in shaping the horse world across the country. "I could have talked so much more about Bass Reeves. I mean he IS the Lone Ranger," she stated. "The Black community's contribution to the horse world across the country is so much more than people think." It is changing the way people think about minorities and horses that will begin to make a difference.

But as Casteel stated in the conclusion of her essay, "However real change will only happen when white people truly prioritize diversity and representation efforts. This has to become your problem to solve."

Dawn Edgerton-Cameron

As a young girl growing up in Queens, New York, all Dawn Edgerton-Cameron really wanted was a cat. "I don't know why, but I just kept begging my parents for a cat and read all the books on cats I could find," she remembered. "And then I moved onto dogs but the answer was still always no."

Somewhere along the line, Edgerton-Cameron's animal obsession turned to horses and her parents said no to buying a horse but after her family moved

to Long Island, NY, she was able to start taking some riding lessons. "I think they liked the idea that the horses couldn't actually come live with us," she said with a laugh.

The first barn she rode at taught Western so that is where her equestrian journey started. She eventually moved to a hunt seat barn and then road for Brown University's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team. "I remember the exact moment I learned about [the sport of] Eventing," she said, "It was watching the 1984 Olympics. I just really loved the idea of being able to do a sport where you got out of the ring."

Now living in Annapolis, Edgerton-Cameron jumped head first into the Area II eventing scene while dabbling in competitive trail riding with her trainer's, Dyanna Capuano, off-the-track Thoroughbred.

Edgerton-Cameron also was hesitant to write a scholarship essay at first. "I had been watching the comments online and I don't mean this to be harsh but with my busy schedule, I just didn't feel the scholarship amount was worth the time," she explained. Edgerton-Cameron is a financial advisor currently working on transitioning to starting her own firm. "I just knew if I was going to write anything, it would end up being a long commitment because I wanted to not just address the problem at hand but give a way through to achieve an end goal," she added.

As more and more sponsors added their support to the scholarship fund, Capuano kept pushing her student to share her story. "Fourteen hours and five pages later I had my thoughts written down," Edgerton-Cameron said with a chuckle. "And even now as I re-read what I sent in, I keep wanting to add to it and change a word here and there."

Edgerton-Cameron's essay reads exactly as she

continued...



Helen Casteel of Silver Spring competing in the Waredaca Classic Novice 3-Day Event in 2019.



Dawn Edgerton-Cameron at a MidAtlantic Horse Rescue Show aboard Jack.

Speaking Up for Diversity in the Horse World, continued...

intended. Looking at the issue of diversity from an MBA mindset, she addressed four key factors and lists many ways to “fix” each factor. The key factors she lists in her essay are exposure, opportunity, perception and reception. “I wanted to bring something to the table that was more than just my personal experiences. I wanted to be able to share some solutions,” she said.

Presenting solutions is what most motivated Edgerton-Cameron to submit an essay saying, “we need steps on how individual horse people can move forward and make a difference.”

Edgerton-Cameron received feedback immediately from *Eventing Nation* Editor-In-Chief Leslie Wylie before the essay was ever formally published. “Leslie sent me an email back saying ‘I just read your essay four times’ and ‘wow,’” Edgerton-Cameron shared.

Once posted online, Edgerton-Cameron stated the feedback has started more and more conversations. She herself is even learning more about other people of color in equestrian sports. “I’ve learned just how many riders of color there are in this sport. I am not alone!” she explained, adding, “there is an entire community out there spread out across the country!”

On a personal level, Edgerton-Cameron has joined several Facebook groups related to riders

of color since the scholarship was announced. “If we continue to come together, we can really make a difference,” she said. Edgerton-Cameron also added, “I really do mean what I wrote in that essay about wanting to join committees addressing this area of conversation. I’m here and willing to do my part.”



Polo player Lea Jih-Vieira of Middletown

Lea Jih-Vieira

Seeing as how this Diversity Scholarship was first announced on *Eventing Nation*'s website, polo player Lea Jih-Vieira did not think she was eligible to apply. “I get the EN emails and saw one that said ‘scholarship’ and clicked through,” she said. “It was interesting to find out that [the scholarship] was open to all disciplines, not just eventing.”

Jih-Vieira, who is of Chinese and Portuguese decent, remarked that as a child, her mother really wanted her to join some sort of

sport. “She tried everything... soccer, softball... I just would sit down and refuse to play,” she said. “Then she signed me up for a riding lesson and I just loved it!”

Her riding beginning was at a show hunter barn but then she tried polo briefly before getting into barrel racing. “Then in high school I started riding polo with Mountain View Polo and just stuck with it,” she stated. “I’m 100% a

polo player now!”

Now playing varsity polo at Cornell University as a sophomore, the Middletown native said, “I personally haven’t seen many Asian players in polo. They are mostly white and then Hispanic. I can count on one hand how many Asian polo players I’ve seen.”

Jih-Vieira addressed in her essay the financial divide that is present in polo as well as many other equestrian sports. “Equestrian sports in general are expensive and to be really competitive in polo, you really need a string of good horses, which just triples the expenses,” she explained. “This is why I really wanted to focus on the socioeconomic problems with the sport in general.”

In her essay, she wrote, “The underlying issue why we have a lack of diversity in equestrian sport amounts to a socioeconomic issue. The historic systems in place, meant to limit people of color, are so interwoven in the fabric of our country that we may not even realize how much they influence our lives today.” She also wrote, “To make equestrian sport more inclusive, we must be mindful of the struggles of these communities.”

Jih-Vieira put out a challenge of sorts to organizations such as the U.S. Eventing Association and U.S. Polo Association to do their part in breaking down barriers for low-income individuals entering the sport. She suggested, “By allocating money to help this population of aspiring equestrians start their careers, these organizations are not only supporting these individuals, but are setting an example for everyone in the community.”

She told *The Equiery*, “I know there were a lot of comments on Facebook criticizing the amount of this scholarship but the thought is good and they needed to start somewhere.”



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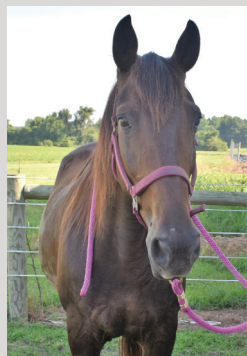


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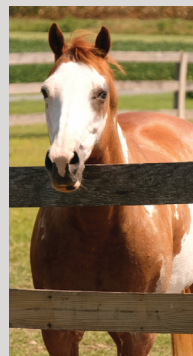
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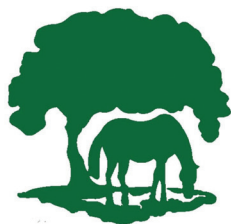
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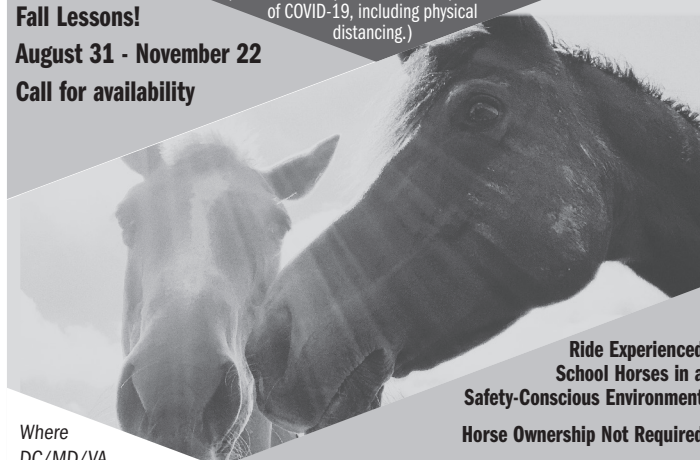
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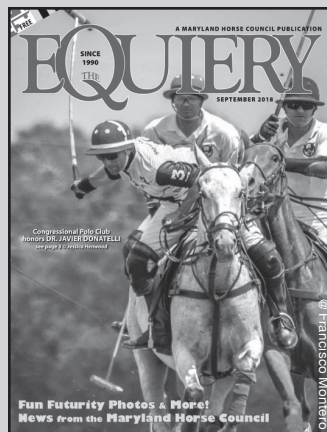
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Safe Haven Farm's Kyra Tuite and Heart 2 Heart were the Junior Class Reserve Champions at the PVDA Schooley Mill show in August.



Jazz Napravnik jumps Ghostpeppers Reign over a Beginner Novice cross-country fence at the September MDHT Starter.



Pemberton Equestrian Center rider Sydney Shannon rode Hocus Pocus to the Baby Green championship at the 2020 Colonial Classic Horse Show, New Jersey Horse Park.



Lizzie Hummel and Oliver ride for the ANRC Take it Forward Virtual Freestyle Challenge at the North Fork School of Equitation.



Shaun Gandia teaches Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's Dawson to cross the "pond" during a September volunteer class.



Emily Nelson and Age Is Just A Number competing at CDCTA's Fall Horse Trials in Berryville, VA on September 13.

TROT members (from left) Frank Durilla, Karen Durilla, Jessica Conway, Yancy Carey, Carolann Sharpe, Celine Huettig, Flo Arnold and Katie. Not pictured are Holly Trevino, Jenny Puckett, and Latonya Price at Little Bennet Regional Park on September 19.



Steeplechase trainers, Green Spring Valley Hounds and Elkridge Harford Hunt Club members, show jumper grooms and hunter/jumper riders all teamed up to create the Margarita Polo League which held its finals the end of August.

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Hood College's Alexa Grey riding Flower during the ANRC Take It Forward Virtual College Team Tournament.



Erin O'Neill and Mercury, the August 2020 *Equiery* cover pony, placed sixth overall at the 2020 Appalachian Trainer Face Off. After the competition, Mercury's adoption bid "shattered the arena record at the auction," according to O'Neill. He was adopted by someone in Maryland who has placed him back with Erin to continue his training.



Angie Leithy

Alexandra DuPont riding Paloleo at the CDCTA Fall Horse Trials on September 13 in Berryville, VA.



Julia Hartburger with IMA TOYS R US KID are heading to the APHA East Coast National Paint Show this October after earning a reserve champion at the filly's first APHA show in early September.



Gina Hall and Audrey Buoniconti's Wild Mambo at the Maryland Horse & Pony Show in September.

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Maryland High School Rodeo Members (from left) Katie Howard (Salisbury), Charlize Stair (Catonsville), Jenna Bryan (Williamsport), Grace Kelly (Reisterstown) and Tegan Allen (Delaware) enjoyed competing at the Wellsville, PA Multi-State Rodeo Labor Day weekend, the first Rodeo of the High School Rodeo 2020-2021 season.

Gemma Radko riding Ty and Alex Konstantinidis on Angela Kemerer's Little John at the September 15 cavaletti clinic at By Chance in Union Bridge.



The 2020 Margarita Polo League finals winners "Willie's Angels" Dr. Molly Muedeking, Daisy Fenwick and William Dowling.



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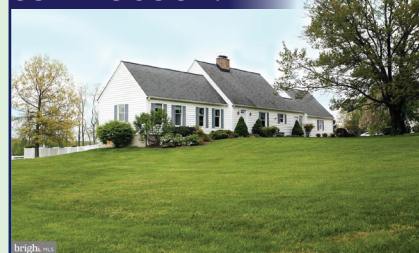
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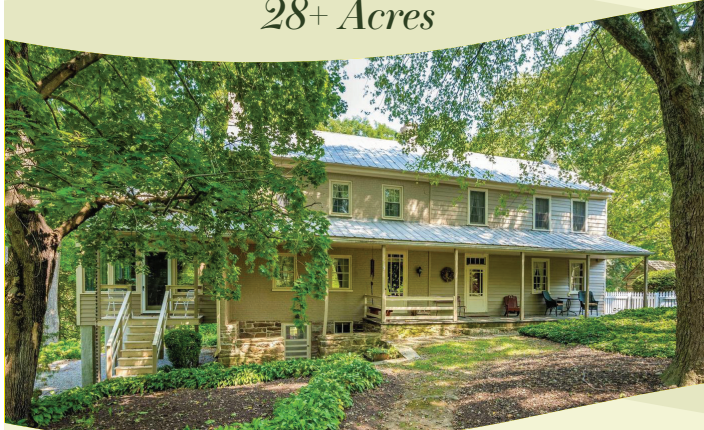
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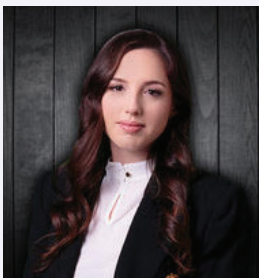
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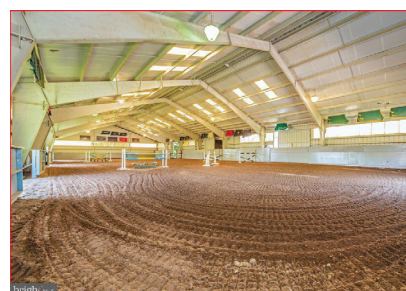


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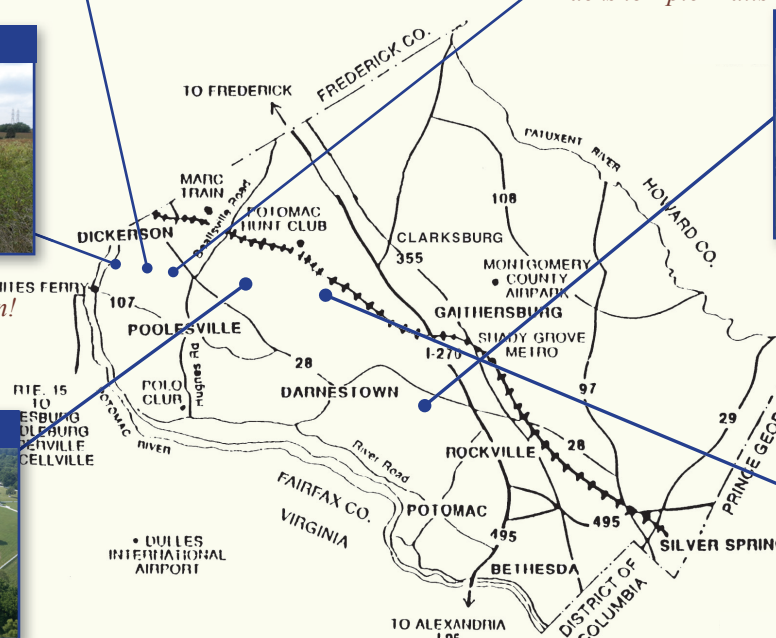
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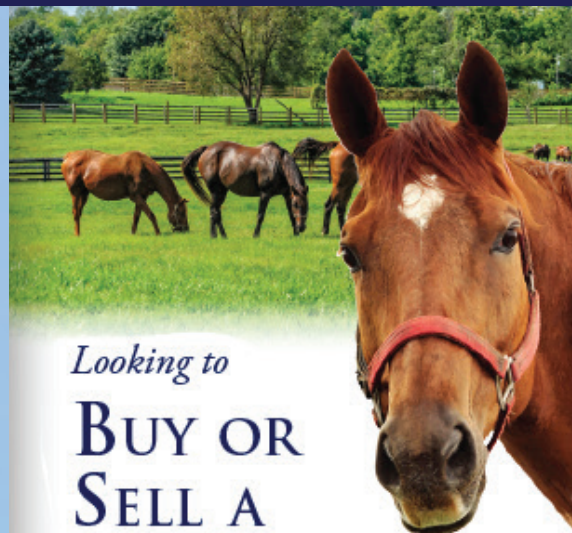


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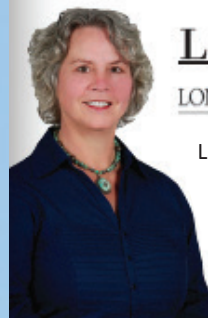


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HOW TO FIND A PLACE TO RIDE

October 7, 2020, 4pm <https://go.umd.edu/place2ride>

Lots of families are discovering the mental and physical benefits of horseback riding and are curious about getting involved in this great outdoor activity. If you are wondering how to find a riding barn that meets your needs, join Anne Litz of the Maryland Horse Industry Board and Katherine Rizzo, *Equiery* editor, as they share their advice on finding a place to ride.



What to Wear & Bring When Riding Horses

October 14, 2020, 4pm <https://go.umd.edu/what2wear>

Are you looking forward to starting riding lessons and realize you have no idea what you need to wear and bring? Learn about the basic gear and items a barn may require for lessons or showing so you can be prepared. Our experts from The Surrey and Fair Hill Saddlery will go through the “must have” items for every rider.



How to Select a Horse to Buy or Lease

October 21, 2020, 4pm <https://go.umd.edu/buyahorse>

When you are finally ready for your own horse, the options can be overwhelming! Brittney Carow of the Maryland Equine Transition Service and Dr. Justin Sobota of South Mountain Equine will discuss what you should look for and considerations to be made to find the horse that is right for you!



Buying a Horse Property: Know Before You Buy

October 28, 2020, 4pm <https://go.umd.edu/buyingafarm>

Are you ready to make the leap into farm ownership and keep your horses at home? Purchasing a farm is a big decision. Tracy Diamond, realtor, has a lot of experience in matching property to new owners and will share tips to make your search more efficient. Keith Wills from Mid Atlantic Farm Credit will join in to share how to prepare for financing that dream farm!

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October Maryland Horse Month Contest Time!

Even a pandemic can't stop Maryland Horse Month! With plenty of virtual activities such as the Maryland Five Star, Preakness and Maryland Million to watch from home and places around the state to visit while staying socially distant, *The Equiery* wants to know: what will you be doing during Maryland Horse Month?

Cut out the Maryland horse head on this page and bring it with you while participating in various Maryland Horse Month activities.

Take photos at each activity with this horse in the photo and send to editor@equiery.com by November 1, 2020.

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PHILANTHROPIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know an individual and/or horse that has made a positive impact on the community through one of MD's many non-profit philanthropic organizations.

The Maryland Horse Council and *The Equiery* will be celebrating those who give back to the MD equestrian community in our Annual November Giving Issue. Nominations must be submitted to editor@equiery.com by the end of the day on October 10, 2020 with the following information:

1. Name of the person/horse being nominated
2. Organization that person/horse represents
3. Brief essay as to why that person/horse has had a significant positive impact on the Maryland equestrian community
4. Supply a minimum of one photo of the person/horse being nominated
5. Contact information of the person submitting the nomination

Nominations can be for staff, volunteers and/or horses that are involved with a Maryland philanthropic non-profit with 501(c) status. A nominations committee will review all submissions with the winner being featured in our November issue. Late nominations will not be accepted but will be kept on file for future issues.



For questions or submissions, please contact
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Congratulations to MHC member and *Equiery* advertiser **C.R. Hogendorp** and **Nicole Haegele** who were married at the historic Bowling Brook Mansion in Middleburg, MD, on September 5.



Congratulations to show hunter/foxhunter **Kathryn Griffin Leef** and **Robert Scranton, MFH (HCIBH)** who were married on August 8 at their Windsor Valley Farm in Mt. Airy.

MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Dolly von Stade Bostwick, Jr.

Submitted by J.B. Secor

Dolly von Stade Bostwick was an avid horsewoman and a devoted mother. She passed on June 20 at her home in Indiantown, Florida, at the age of 66. Dolly was born in New York City to the famed amateur jockey, trainer and polo player G.H. "Pete" Bostwick and mother Dolly von Stade Bostwick.

Dolly was a very successful rider of show ponies in her early years and spent much of her childhood between Aiken, South Caro-



Dolly von Stade Bostwick, Jr.

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lina, and Long Island, New York. She was the apple of her father's eye. As a matter of fact, Dolly could do no wrong in her father's mind. I saw that first hand when I was down in Aiken, South Carolina, showing Bostwick ponies myself. I was only one year older than Dolly.

She went on to the Foxcroft School but decided to go into horse racing instead of the institute that Foxcroft had to offer. Dolly once told the New York Times that she was a "jockey, not a debutante."

Dolly also had a keen eye for discovering young horses and became quite successful at picking yearlings and running through two-year-olds in training sales. Her horsemanship was respected by many and she rode and trained at many well-known race tracks all along the East Coast.

Dolly has left us in her life yet her spirit and her legend will still be well remembered by all of us. She was from a different cut of cloth. Yet from the kind of cloth I most love. Dolly we will miss you.

Junior rider **Austin Tamberino** of Phoenix died on July 29 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 17 years old. Tam-

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KUDOS

Congratulations to...

...**Rosemary Gatchell** of Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program in Port Deposit on being named the 2020 PATH International Regional Volunteer of the Year;

...**Marya Pecukonis** on being named the 2020 PATH International Regional Credentialed Professional of the Year;

...jockey **Horacio Karamanos** who won summer meet riding title at Laurel Park;

...**Claudio Gonzalez** who finished the summer meet at Laurel Park as leading trainer;

...**De La Brooke Pony Club** on winning the 2020 Live Oak Hounds USPC Foxhunting Challenge Award;

...**St. Margaret's Pony Club** on finishing second in the 2020 Live Oak Hounds USPC Foxhunting Challenge.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Andrew Barclay has been named director of hunting for MFHA.

Jockey **Charlie Marquez**, the top apprentice and third-leading rider at Laurel Park's summer meet, is moving his tack to New York under the tutelage of Hall of Fame rider Angel Cordero Jr.

Fond farewell to former MHC members and *Equiery* advertisers **Shelly** and **Dave Buhlman** who have retired to Maine. (*pictured*)





berino began steeplechase riding in 2016 in the Medium Pony flat races. He moved up the pony ranks and into the junior horse divisions where he rode in the Junior Field Master Chases on a horse named Ben. He raced a total of thirteen times over three Maryland Steeplechase Association Governor's Cup seasons.

Baltimore Arabber Ophas "Bo" Allen died on August 7 at the age of 89. Allen was born into an Arabbing family in Baltimore City. "His love of horses was a result of a gift of a horse and buggy that came from his mother," his daughter, Dorothy Johns, told the Baltimore Sun. Johns and her husband David Johns owns and operated the Bruce Street Stables, a longtime home for Arabbers in Southwest Baltimore. Allen learned the Arabber trade from his mother Mildred Allen who was the first African American female Arabber in Baltimore. The family owned business operated for many years out of the family stables, Whatcoat Street Stables. *The Baltimore Sun* wrote, "Mr. Allen spent many years clip-clopping up and down city streets and narrow alleys selling fresh vegetables, fruit, fish, clams and crab meat, drawing potential customers with colorful rhythmic yells or howls, many

of which date to the 19th century, announcing their day's wares." Allen was known to be a compassionate and generous man, often giving his Social Security check to those in need. When Allen retired, he moved to Elkton but never let go of his love of horses.

Cobey Adam England of Mt. Airy died on August 20 after a motorcycle accident in Ohio. He was 27. He was the son of Judy and Jeff England of England Acres in Mt. Airy. In his youth, England competed in 4-H Horticulture Judging and LifeSmarts and was a strong team player at the local and national level. After graduating from Frederick Community College, England went on to graduate from the University of Maryland with a degree in criminal justice. England also had a passion for dance and won several ballroom dancing competitions. He also loved choreographing and teaching dance.

Liane Langbehn West, one of the joint-DCs of Burntwoods

Pony Club, died on September 3. West was a founding member of Burntwoods Pony Club and previously served as DC for Burntwoods and Vice-RS for the Maryland Region Pony Club. Over the years she developed a vast network of connections to help match kids with ponies and then get them into Pony Club. West was also a nurse and volunteered as the EMT for many rallies. She also taught at Talbot Run Equestrian Center in Mt. Airy. Her son, Matt Langbehn is a graduate H-A.



George E. Emge, Jr.

George E. Emge, Jr. died on September 8. Emge was an active judge for both youth and adult hunter/jumper shows. He was also an active clinician. Outside of the horse world, Emge operated Walker and Emge Construction, which built fences and barns for many homes and training facilities in Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties.



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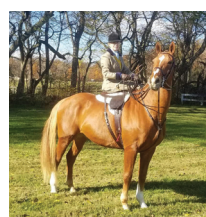
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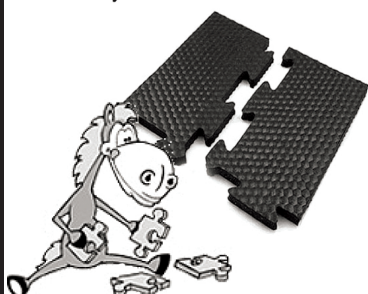
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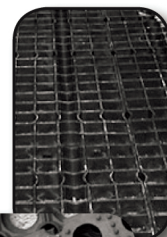
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