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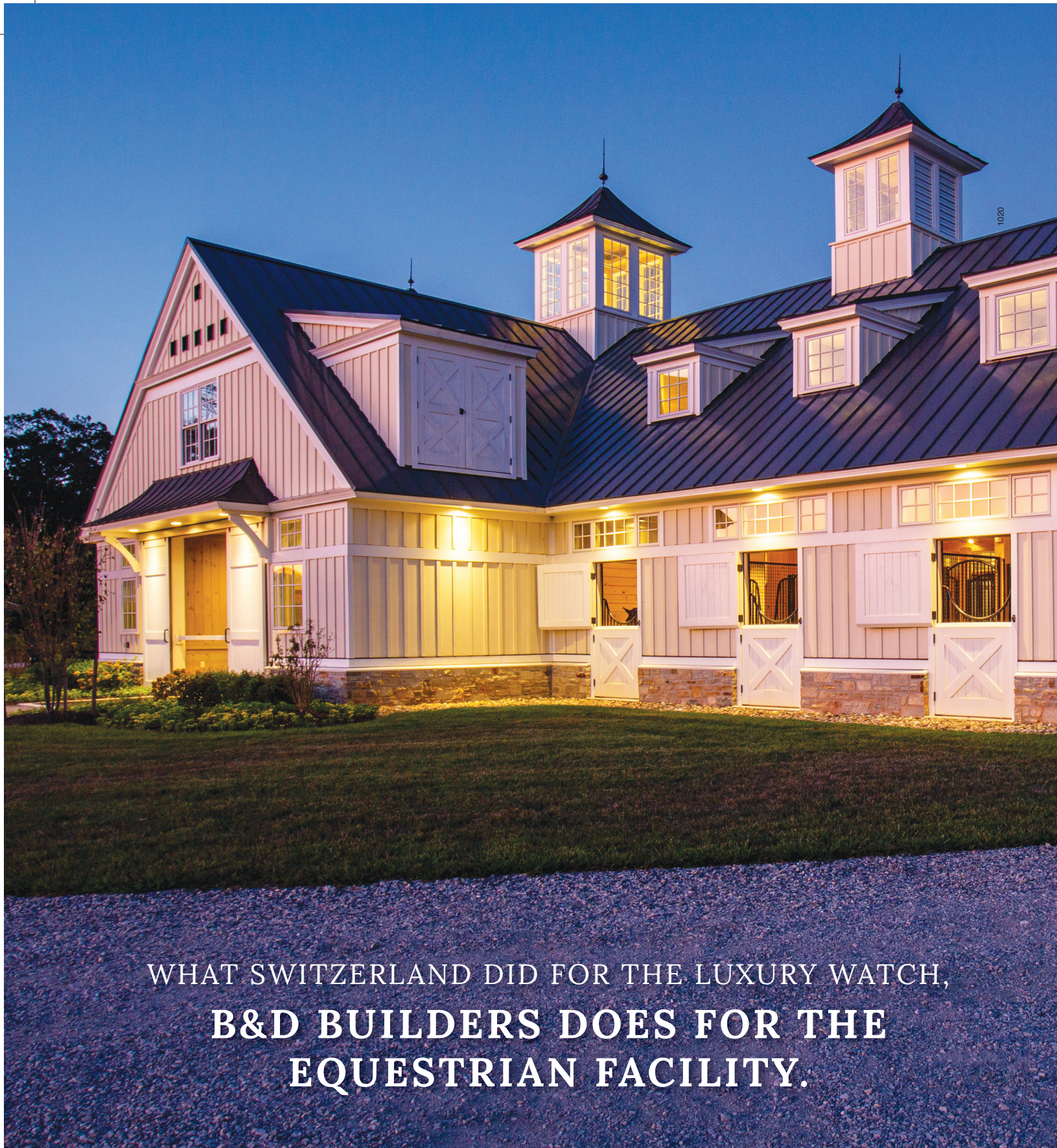
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This month's cover features a quiet moment at Days End Farm Horse Rescue where one of its residents investigates a child visitor sketching under a tree. In a single frame, photographer Kathy Corrigan captured the future of DEFHR... education... through our children, through our professionals and through our horses. To read more on DEFHR's exciting plans, see page 16 of this issue!



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## Letter from the Publisher

### From the President

By Neil Agate, MHC President

As the days start getting shorter and the leaves begin to change, we all try to get those last trips to horse shows or trail rides with friends in before the weather makes them less pleasant. At the Maryland Horse Council and *The Equiery*, we also start to think about the holidays and what they mean to us individually.

As part of the Maryland horse community we all have many things to be thankful for, as our community has such a strong foundation. That foundation is further strengthened throughout the state by a large number of non-profits and charities that support aspects of our community that wouldn't otherwise be sustainable. This year is probably not the best year for any of us to make donations, but that in and of itself is a reason to dig a little deeper. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more critical to support the Maryland non-profits that support our horses, as they are dealing with shortfalls in their donations. So please take a look at the non-profits in this edition and consider them for your support.

Since we started the Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS) in 2018, we have been working on setting up the Maryland Horse Council Foundation (MHCF) as a 501(c)3 non-profit that could run the METS program after our initial grant ends. I am happy to say that not only is the new foundation officially set up and registered, but we have also recently received our letter from the IRS that allows donations to the Foundation and METS to be tax deductible.

Now the hard work begins! We have been working with the METS team and the MHC Executive Committee to get everything set up correctly and now we need to get the word out about both MHCF and METS as well as solicit people's help, both time and financial. We are currently in the process of building out our Board of Directors and if you have expertise in the non-profit world and would like to be a part of a unique organization whose sole purpose is the protection of our Maryland horses, please reach out to me via [nagate@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:nagate@mdhorsecouncil.org).

Finally, you'll see a new section in *The Equiery* (on page 44 of this issue) that is the result of a consolidation in membership categories that has occurred over the last few months. Ever since I became involved with MHC over a decade ago, I have been asked about our membership categories. People were often confused about what category they fell into and many

individuals who earned their living in the horse business felt they wanted to participate in ways that weren't available to Individual members.

We have consolidated the Farm, Business and Non-Profit memberships into one single category, the Industry Professional member. In addition to an enhanced list of membership benefits, we will also focus on our Industry Professionals in a dedicated section of *The Equiery* each month. Like all of our membership categories, the Industry Professional membership is open to all qualified individuals and organizations, and anyone can join MHC. Just visit <https://join.mdhorsecouncil.org> or contact our Membership Coordinator Emily Nessel at [membership@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:membership@mdhorsecouncil.org) or 443-717-0120.

### The Maryland Horse Person

By Jane Seiger, PAC Chair

What does it mean to be a "Maryland Horse Person?"

It means that we are lucky enough to be part of arguably the strongest and most vibrant equestrian community in the nation. We celebrate this community, our "tribe," in so many ways - beautiful Fall trail rides with friends, thrilling to the stretch duel of Swiss Skydiver and Authentic, picking and choosing from an incredible banquet of shows, events, hunter paces, etc., cheering at rodeos and jousting tournaments, or just quietly enjoying watching our horses graze or feeling their soft nuzzling of our hair. The list goes on and on.

This strong community has a voice, the Maryland Horse Council, and that voice is heard in the halls of the legislature in Annapolis and the offices of regulatory agencies. In just the last year, we authored and secured passage of legislation that will make criminal any malicious interference with working horses. We worked diligently and successfully to ensure that the Governor and the State agencies respected the rights and needs of horse owners and horse farms as we all navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. And we closely monitored, weighed in on, and reported to the community about so many issues that affect our lives with our horses.

So—please—stake your claim, secure your place in our community, our "tribe."

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### Making a Difference Through METS

*By Emily Stakem, METS Program Coordinator*

The Maryland Equine Transition Service is truly the first of its kind. METS is a statewide initiative, developed and supported by the equine industry, to ensure that safe alternatives for horses needing homes are available and accessible to all owners who need the service. Horses in need of transition come in every shape, size, breed, color, age, training level, and temperament. METS provides individualized services for these horses, including equine assessment, marketing assistance, end-of-life support, and facilitating the transition of horses to new homes.

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With over 300 calls for assistance since 2018, it is clear that METS is a

needed service. By donating to METS, you're helping to ensure that we'll be there to help Maryland horses in need of transition. Your donations make a difference as METS has directly assisted with the transition of 93 horses since its full roll-out of services in 2018.

As we move towards 2021, our main goal is becoming self-sufficient. Our grant extension from The Right Horse Initiative ends in June 2021, so any and all donations are greatly appreciated to help keep our program up and running. Please use the donation envelope in this month's *Equiery* to send your contributions to METS.

### Navigating the Non-Profit World as a Person of Color

*By Abesahmabk Dahn, MHC Treasurer & The City Ranch founder*

My journey in the non-profit community has been like what I expected. I expected it to be a long road to reach sustainability and we are not completely there yet. I expected that I, City Ranch, (because it's more than me alone), would have an uphill battle and that battle was and still is multifaceted. We took on a concept with City Ranch that had not been developed out. So we had to prove the concept and that we were capable of doing it.

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## Horses Shot in Monkton

Two horses were shot while grazing in a pasture in the 4100 block of Old York Road in Monkton on the evening of September 24. Charles Grimmel, who owns the property, told the *Baltimore Sun* the horses belonged to his girlfriend, who had moved them to the pasture while her own pasture was being maintained. She found the horses early on the morning of September 25 when she went out to feed them and immediately called the police.

According to the *Sun*, the white show pony was already dead when the owner found them but the retired racehorse was still alive. He died shortly after being discovered.

Grimmel told the police department his tenant (who leases a house next to the pasture) heard gunshots between 11 pm and midnight but thought it was someone hunting. The tenant also stated he did not see anyone on the road.

*The Equiery* contacted the Harford County Sheriff's Department on September 26. At that time, no suspects had been named. Shortly afterward, a reward was offered to anyone with information about the shooting. As of press, no arrests have been made.

## Laurel Park Opens Up for Limited Spectators

On October 15, Laurel Park reopened to a limited number of patrons after receiving the go-ahead from Anne Arundel County officials. The approval came after Governor Hogan issued a revised executive order allowing racetracks to accommodate up to 250 spectators.

The grandstand entrance at Laurel Park has been equipped with a thermal camera for temperature screening and is acting as the primary entrance for employees, patrons and owners each day. The Horsemen's entrance near the Racing Office and paddock is only staffed on live racing days for trainers, jockeys and backstretch personnel.

In addition, Laurel Park has reopened a limited concession area in the food court and the SportsBook Bar is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Facial coverings are required for all guests and employees. Furniture has been rearranged to accommodate social distancing and physical barriers have been installed where person-to-

person interactions may occur. MJC also reported that increased sanitation measures and disinfections of all commonly touched areas such as self-service betting machines are occurring.

For additional information and protocols, please see [www.mdhorsemen.com](http://www.mdhorsemen.com).

## Kudos to Severn Hollyberry Bow

Severn Hollyberry Bow, an 11.1 hand Welsh Mountain Pony (also known as a Welsh Section A), earned her Legion of Merit from the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America this past September. The Legion of Merit is award-



Kathryn Southard

**Owner JudithAnn Hartman is all smiles after Severn Hollyberry Bow earned her last scores for the WPCSA Legion of Merit award.**

ed to ponies who have won 1500 points with at least 500 points being earned in Performance classes and 500 points earned in Halter classes at recognized WPCSA shows.

"Holly" was bred in Arnold by Mary Benedict of Severn Oaks Farm and is owned and competed by JudithAnn Hartman of Copper Beech Farm in Tracy's Landing. All of Holly's performance points were earned in Pleasure and Carriage Driving classes. Over the years, Holly has won numerous WPCSA championship awards at the regional and national levels as well as WPCSA Open Championships in both Single

and Pair Combined Driving (CT and ADT). In the pairs competition, Holly was driven with her sister Severn Festive Bow.

## New Stables for DC Mounted Unit

*The Washington Post* reported on October 8 that construction for a new stables off Independence Avenue for the U.S. Park Police Mounted Unit will begin in the next few months. Government officials and executives of the Trust for the National Mall broke ground for the project on October 7. The current stables were built in 1976.

The new facility will serve as both a home for the Park Police horses and an education center. Located between the Korean War Memorial and D.C. War Memorial on the south side of the Mall, the new stables will include areas for public interaction with the horses, a heated wash and equipment room, a medical paddock and an office building for the officers. The facility will also offer public restrooms and two public viewing paddocks.

The Park Service has had the new stables on its wish list for nearly 10 years but it was not until the Trust for the National Mall caught sight of the project that fundraising really got going. Sheila C. Johnson, vice chair of the Trust for the National Mall and chair of the stables fundraising campaign stated that they have already raised \$13 million of the \$15 million project. Johnson has also donated a horse to the Park Service in the past. "We're still \$2 million sort," she said at the ground breaking. "The price tag keeps going up, because of COVID and the costs have gone up. I'm reaching out to people who want to continue to support us. I don't care how much they're willing to give."

She also thanked all those who have already given to the project and called the new complex a "game changer" for the National Mall.

## Fair Hill Timber Course Honors Paddy Neilson

Family and friends of Paddy Neilson donated nearly \$700,000 to place his name permanently on the new Timber Course at Fair Hill, Fair Hill Foundation Vice Chair and Campaign Chair Jack S. Griswold announced in the September Fair Hill Foundation newsletter *The Fair Hill Bugle*. "We are overwhelmed by the

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outpouring of love and affection for Paddy,” Griswold said. “His reputation as one of the truly greatest steeplechase riders and trainers of all time motivated many to participate in this effort, and we are deeply grateful for their support. He was a wonderful friend to all of us.”

Griswold added, “We look forward to officially dedicating the Paddy Neilson Timber Course during the spring Fair Hill races in May 2021.”

Jay Meister told *The Fair Hill Bugle*, “Paddy Neilson didn’t always win, but he was always a winner. He was the Michael Jordan of our timber racing game. Paddy made our sport bigger and better while inspiring countless kids. We all wanted to grow up to be like him.”

“Paddy was a lovely man,” said Michael Dickinson in *The Fair Hill Bugle*. “I was a steeplechase jockey in England. I rode for 11 years and had 1,600 rides with 378 winners.” Dickinson added, “I thought I was all right until I hunted with Cheshire. I watched Paddy cantering across a field. He looked for a stride, and then he and his horse just flew (the fence). If he’d been in a race, he would have gained two

lengths. I said to myself, ‘Michael, you can’t even ride.’”

Louis “Paddy” Neilson III died on September 5, 2019 at the age of 77. He was born in New York to the late Louis Neilson, Jr., and Katharine Pell Neilson. Neilson graduated from the Gilman School and then Princeton University and the Wharton Business School. He was a corporate bond broker for Alex. Brown & Sons in Philadelphia while foxhunting, galloping race horses and steeplechasing on the weekends.

During the Vietnam conflict, he was a member of the First City Troop in Philadelphia, a division of the National Guard.

Here in Maryland, he rode in the Maryland Hunt Cup 21 times over three decades, winning it three times: in 1968 aboard Haffaday, 1974 riding Burnmac and 1989 with Uncle Merlin. According to Central Entry Office, he had 608 starts as a jockey over a span of 32 years, winning 143 times.

He was a founding member of the American Steeplechase Injured Jockeys’ Fund. He also chaired the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Races for 17 years, and later the Plumstead Races for

11 years. In addition, he served on the original committee that began the Winterthur Point-to-Point.

### Hope’s Legacy Premiere Raises Funds for Brooke USA

Director and producer Douglas B. Maddox premiered his latest movie “Hope’s Legacy” virtually on October 15 on the Equus Film Channel to raise funds for Brooke USA. The mission of Brooke USA is to significantly improve the welfare of working horses, donkeys and mules as well as the people they serve throughout Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Americas and the Caribbean.

Filmed here in Maryland, “Hope’s Legacy” is the sequel to Maddox’s award winning movie “Christmas Ranch.” Portions of the online premiere ticket sales went to Brooke USA with the premiere launching the non-profit’s year-long “The Power of ONE” campaign to raise \$1 million for the charity.

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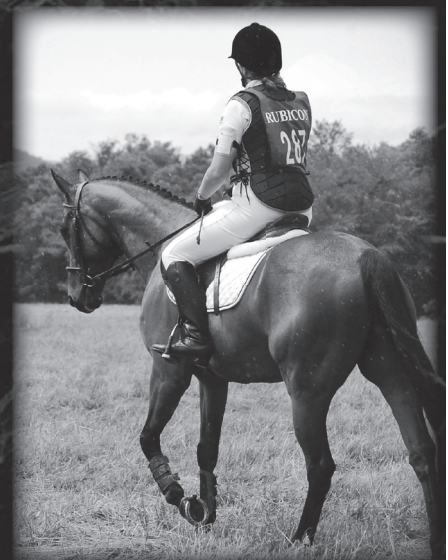
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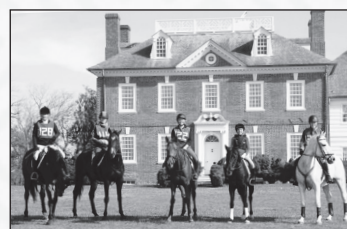
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# Are you GIVING WISELY this year-end?

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There are countless worthy equine charities both in Maryland and across the United States. Sometimes, however, the process of selecting the charity that you feel most passionate about and comfortable giving to can be daunting. Fortunately, there are many great resources available to you to make sure you are working with and giving to a legitimate cause! National organizations (such as GuideStar and Charity Navigator) have become watchdogs for all types of charitable giving, providing useful information to the general public.

At *The Equiery* and the Horse Council, we have compiled a few tips from national philanthropic resources to help guide you through this giving season.

## Be Careful of Names that Sound Alike

Uninformed donors can be easily confused by charities that have strikingly similar names. Many names are nearly identical, but their performances can be vastly different. Always double check the Charity Navigator ratings! One organization could have a 0-star charity rating while a charity with a similar name could be rated 3-stars. Informed donors take the time to uncover the difference.

In our world, the most common "sound-alike name" problem is with any organization that utilizes the phrase "humane society." The phrase "humane society" is used by lobbying organizations as well as hands-on shelters and rescues; it is employed equally by animal rights political activists and official local government

animal control offices. Take the time to check it out!

## Confirm 501(c) (3) Status

Wise donors don't drop money into canisters at the checkout counter or hand over cash to solicitors outside the supermarket. Situations like these are irresistible to scam artists who wish to take advantage of your good will. Smart givers only support groups granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All of the charities evaluated by Charity Navigator meet this basic requirement.

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## Confirm Commitment to Accountability & Transparency

Both GuideStar and Charity Navigator have tools for assessing the accountability and transparency of a charity. This data is critical because charities that follow good governance and transparency practices are less likely to

engage in unethical or irresponsible activities, so the risk that such charities would misuse donations is lower than for charities that don't adopt such practices.

In Maryland, equine rescues and horse sanctuaries are required to be licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board. If the facility is not licensed but is sheltering horses that are ostensibly rescued or is adopting out horses, you may wonder about other ways in which the facility may be noncompliant. Licensed stables can be found at <https://portal.mda.maryland.gov/stables>. Also, if the rescue is soliciting donations, check to see if it is registered with the Maryland Office of the Secretary of State.

## Obtain Copies of the Charity's Financial Records

Savvy donors know that the financial health of a charity is a strong indicator of the charity's performance. They know that with most programs, the most efficient charities spend 75% or more of their budget on their programs and services, and less than 25% on fundraising and administrative fees. They also understand that a claim of zero fundraising and/or administrative fees is unlikely at best. Wise donors understand that a charity's ability to sustain its programs over time is just as important as its short-term day-to-day spending practices. Knowledgeable donors also seek out charities that are able to grow their revenue at least at the rate of inflation, that continue to invest in their programs and that have some money saved for a rainy day.

All horse rescues, equine sanctuaries or therapeutic programs should be willing to provide their financial records, even if unaudited.





Ron Diehl

By Kara Pinato Scro

## A Horse Named Toby

Not many people know that it was a malnourished buckskin gelding by the name of Toby that served as the impetus for starting Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), based in Woodbine. Back in 1989, Kathy Schwartz-Howe and her then-husband Allan Schwartz happened upon Toby while caring for their own horse at the barn where it was boarded.

Toby's health was quickly declining, and he was seemingly abandoned. When the Schwartzes ascertained that the state of Maryland did not have facilities to assist law enforcement in caring for horses in Toby's predicament, or to provide resources for owners in need, they soon found themselves taking steps to acquire Toby and rehabilitate him. Mrs. Schwartz-Howe bootstrapped her way through much of Toby's rehabilitation and Maryland's legal system, though she credits local experts, welfare professionals, and veterinarians for lending critical knowledge related to tending to the unique needs of horses recovering from neglect.

Toby's case was a success, and it ignited a passion in the Schwartzes that led them to buy a small farm and offer intervention and rehabilitation services to horses in need. Bucking the

# Days End Farm Horse Rescue

## Reimagining the Future of Equine Welfare

statistic that 70% of horse rescues fail within the first three years, what began as a labor of love grew into a tiny non-profit organization that is now, 31 years later, a successful 501(c)3 equine welfare facility, sheltering up to 150 horses every year.

Thanks to the support of loyal donors, local volunteers, dedicated staff, and skilled trainers, DEFHR has rescued, rehabilitated, and successfully rehomed more than 2,600 horses.

DEFHR is known for its strong relationships with animal control and law enforcement authorities as well as with humane agencies across the mid-Atlantic, and it's through these agencies that horses in need come to the facility. The organization provides intervention support services throughout Maryland and surrounding states, including as far away as Massachusetts and Florida.

Because of the organization's deep expertise in equine rescue and its relationships with local authorities and agencies, DEFHR develops and hosts ongoing educational programming to give investigators and animal control professionals the skills they need to successfully work on equine cases.

## More Than A Rescue

While rescue and rehabilitation is a critical function of the organization, DEFHR's mission extends further to prevent equine abuse and neglect through education programs and community outreach. As one of approximately

be inducted into the program, DEFHR often serves as a benchmark for its entry-level, beginner-friendly approach. Over time, DEFHR's educational offerings have grown more robust and diverse to encompass what DEFHR CEO Erin Clemm Ochoa calls "humane education."

"As much as we are a horse rescue and we will always have a component of rehabilitation, we want to offer more comprehensive opportunities for learning and engaging with the natural world around us," said Ochoa. "For example, if we don't have bees, we won't have hay. If we don't have good water runoff, we won't have good drinking water for our horses, and so on."

Recognizing that today's youth are our future, DEFHR has developed numerous programs designed to teach children not only about horses, but about the environment more broadly and our role in protecting and preserving it.

DEFHR's Camp-In-A-Box program is just one example of the organization's efforts to expand on its educational offerings. This past summer, the Camp-In-A-Box program was launched to provide "humane education" to children unable to attend DEFHR camp sessions in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program included hands-on projects, DIY experiments, online videos, and activities revolving around the DEFHR horses.

Campers also learned why caring for the environment is important to DEFHR. Each week's activities focused on an environmental theme as part of "WE CARE" (water, erosion, com-

posting, agriculture, recycling, and ecology = WE CARE). WE CARE helped children understand why caring for the environment also helps the horses.

Ochoa notes that what makes DEFHR special and well-equipped to take on the role of educator is its unique ability and willingness to offer ac-

cess to the general community, and she has a bright vision for the future of the organization. "We're a point of entry," she said. "The horse industry can be intimidating given its sometimes exclusive nature. People as young as five years of age can come to DEFHR with nothing more than a general interest in horses and participate in a wide variety of relatively independent vol-

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Days End Farm Horse Rescue

One of DEFHR's many success stories is Quizzical Quartz, shown on left when she arrived at DEFHR and right cross-country schooling with her adopter after being rehabilitated.



Pamela Wheeler

40 licensed Maryland Horse Discovery Centers, DEFHR plays an active role in educating the general public.

The Horse Discovery Center program was created by the Maryland Horse Industry Board with the goal of fostering the horse-human connection by helping all ages and experience levels learn about horses in a welcoming environment. As one of the inaugural facilities to

To find out more about Days End Farm Horse Rescue, volunteer and educational opportunities, and the horses it saves, visit [www.DEFHR.org](http://www.DEFHR.org) and follow along on Facebook at @DaysEndFarmHorseRescue and Instagram at @4thehorses



## Days End Farm Horse Rescue, continued...

unteer activities. That isn't something you can easily do at other animal welfare facilities."

"Our volunteers help us a lot, but what I love the most is seeing our volunteers learn a little more about compassion and empathy while strengthening that horse-human connection. They can come for two hours and groom a horse and perhaps they will leave with an understanding of what neglect looks like and ultimately advocate for the voiceless," Ochoa continued.

Growing up competing in dressage, Ochoa recounts an instance that she says keeps her humble and helps to drive forward her mission for DEFHR. She remembers vividly a time as a young adult when she went to try a horse as a show prospect. She recalled it being sick or knowing that something was wrong, but what she didn't realize at the time was that the horse was suffering from intentional neglect. She notes that she had extensive experience with horses, but in a pre-social media era, there wasn't as much clarity as there is today about the degrees of horse neglect, and when horses require intervention. Had there been the resourcing there is today and information readily available at her fingertips back then, she would have been in a position to alert animal control. It's this memory that motivates Ochoa to never underestimate the level of education people need about equine abuse and neglect—that even people with horse experience may not recognize a problem.

Interestingly, Ochoa points out that despite all of the resources available to individuals throughout the state, problems still persist because of a lack of knowledge. "Maryland is so well-resourced," explained Ochoa. "It's one state that shouldn't have neglected or abused horses. We need to be forward-thinking

in how we provide easy access to these resources and how we continue working with the community to bring about awareness."

### A Bright Future

It is this kind of access that Ochoa wants DEFHR to capitalize on. She also stresses that DEFHR has reached a critical juncture in its growth and it is time to look toward expanding the organization's critical care and rehabilitation capabilities and dive deeper into the education space.

"There's a common misconception that we're funded by state and federal governments, but that's not the case; the services we provide those agencies are free of charge and we're 100% privately funded with grants making up just 10% of our budget. Now that we're at this stage, I think we have a tremendous opportunity to continue on this education-focused trajectory and appeal to a wider audience of supporters," said Ochoa.



DEFHR has developed a series of educational activities that CEO Erin Clemm Ochoa calls "humane education."

With an aggressive, but in Ochoa's mind, realistic plan in place, it became apparent that DEFHR's existing property wouldn't allow the organization to maintain existing operations

and continue its growth. For example, the facility faces challenges when it comes to hosting large school groups because something as simple as bus turnaround is logistically problematic. Similarly, the size of the existing on-site classroom was too small to meet the increasing demand for animal control and law enforcement officer education. These ongoing factors drove the organization to begin exploring ways to expand its footprint.

"When we first moved to this property 12 years ago, we thought we'd never outgrow it," commented Ochoa of their existing facility on Woodbine Road. "Then, it got to the point where we were turning away animal control officers that were coming for the educational series from all over the state, the mid-Atlantic region, and beyond."

As DEFHR continued to explore ways in which they would expand, there was a general consensus that the current location was ideal. Its central location in the state, and the fact that it was easily accessible to Route 70, made the facility convenient for volunteers and visitors to get to, and suitable for DEFHR rescue teams to deploy quickly to almost anywhere in the state.

This thinking led DEFHR to enter into a purchase agreement with the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company right next door. The Fire Company, which was formed in 1944, had since outgrown its building. "We were looking for a buyer that the community would support," said current Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company President Curtis Lowrey. "As long-time neighbors, we have always admired the work that DEFHR does and we appreciate the foundation of its mission. In particular, the emergency response aspect of the operation really

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resonates with us.” After the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company reviewed the renderings designed by Blackburn Architects, P.C., and saw that DEFHR planned only to update the building as opposed to making drastic changes the Fire Company entered into the purchase agreement that has DEFHR’s move-in date slated for the summer of 2021.

The firehouse’s existing banquet hall will be transitioned into a larger classroom, which will help expand the demographic that DEFHR reaches by accommodating partnerships with higher-education institutions, such as providing hands-on or situational learning for veterinary and law students. The lobby of the building will evolve into a welcome center where school groups and public tours will begin.

In addition to focusing on new partnerships, with an emphasis on access and education, Ochoa hopes that DEFHR will play a part in promoting agricultural tourism throughout Maryland by evolving DEFHR into a must-visit destination for hands-on, family-friendly experiences. The vision for the new space is akin to a state-of-the-art destination similar to an aquarium or science center. She envisions having interactive, tactile displays that allow for an immersive, educational experience before groups continue the

tour throughout the property.

### One Part Of The Solution

Though the expansion to the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company building is months away, Ochoa



**The transformation of the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company’s building next door will allow for larger classrooms enabling DEFHR to offer hands-on educational opportunities for higher-education institutions to further build awareness of equine and environmental welfare.**

has no plans to slow down the continued development and implementation of creative educational curriculum, both hands-on and virtual. At the same time, she’s cognizant that DEFHR

is only one part of the solution in advancing equine welfare and playing a role in supporting Maryland’s agricultural tourism industry. DEFHR’s strategic plan includes nurturing relationships with other non-profit groups that have similar missions and will help build awareness and contribute to the education of equine and environmental welfare.

Ochoa notes that DEFHR is unique among equine rescues because the organization has been able to effectively navigate a leadership succession from its founder seven years ago while maintaining an existing donor base. She credits the strong team around her for the organization’s achievements and believes that because it has managed a successful transition once, she knows it will be set up for success when the time comes for her to pass the baton.

“Our vision is lofty, and this year has certainly been a challenge, as it has for so many businesses, organizations, and individuals,” stated Ochoa. “However, I’d be remiss if I didn’t express my sincere excitement for our plans and immense gratitude to everyone who has played a part in our success to date. I have no doubt that the future of equine welfare is evolving for the better and I’m so grateful that our organization can be an active participant in the solution.”

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In 2019, *The Equiery* launched a new annual feature to celebrate those people and horses that contribute greatly to the non-profit community. Anyone can nominate a non-profit staffer, volunteer or horse for this annual award. The award committee reviews nomination essays and picks three to print in the November Charity issue with all nomination essays being posted on equiery.com throughout the month.

This year we received nominations for six people and three horses. Read all of their stories on equiery.com this month!

## Special Olympics Coach Ashley Whitlock

*submitted by Dr. Helen Tuel, founding director of TRRC*

It may seem impossible but Head Coach Ashley Whitlock accomplished the Herculean task of yearlong, weekly training, committed attendance lessons for an oversized and growing Special Olympics team of 23 members!

Please know it takes the entire TRRC instructional staff, a core of volunteers and dozens of family members to prepare each year for the Special Olympics State Summer Games. Everyone involved is thrilled to be able to assist in outfitting each rider with appropriate show clothing, often gently used, or donated tack, spotlessly cleaned and conditioned and, of course, inspected! It takes an army to make this event happen and to make it successful.

Of course, every equine is meticulously bathed and groomed to perfection, as all prepare for a razz-ma-tazz Opening Ceremony with the Mounted Police, singing of the National Anthem and blessing of the riders and equines!

The riders are so proud of their Center, and every Olympian appreciates the generosity of spirit and resources. The work here is immensely gratifying and endless. Coach Ashley keeps the magic and allure of the equestrian world alive and well. TRRC cannot make this journey without community. Coach Ashley ensures that TRRC continues to succeed and meets the challenges of a changing world, and we are grateful.

Warmest wishes, first and foremost, to Head Coach Ashley Whitlock and to all who participated, for a year of health and happiness from your TRRC family. Thank you for believing in us and for loving the children and adults in our care to provide them with bright futures filled with promise and endless possibilities and opportunities and brimming

with much success. Thank you, most importantly, for helping them heal and grow.

## Volunteer Coordinator Vicki Fried

*submitted by the Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program*

The Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program is nominating Vicki Fried. She has made a huge, positive impact with our program, and in the Maryland equine community with horses who are seeking their second career.



**Ashley Whitlock of Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center**

Vicki is the program's Volunteer Coordinator and the first contact for prospective volunteers, providing a "Meet and Greet" at the barn, filling them up with enthusiasm and encouraging them to sign up.

With extensive COVID guidelines to provide a safe and fun experience for our special needs riders, Vicki has kept us on track, ensuring we are following the guidelines and staying organized – signing up leaders and side walkers to work with each of our riders and horses. Vicki keeps in contact with our volunteers about their schedule,

either by email, text, or phone and makes sure they know what's happening at the barn.

Extremely energetic and compassionate about people, both volunteers and our riders, Vicki greets everyone with a warm welcome. Without volunteers, riders cannot ride. Vicki began volunteering eight years ago and encourages many young riders to work towards their goals – holding reins, steering, choosing the correct color of an object, and talking to their horses. She is also committed to assisting with and providing the best care our equine heroes can receive. She assists with the training, feeding, and care of our horses, most of who are over



**Vicki Fried of Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program**

19 years old and in their second or third career.

## The Generosity of Tilly

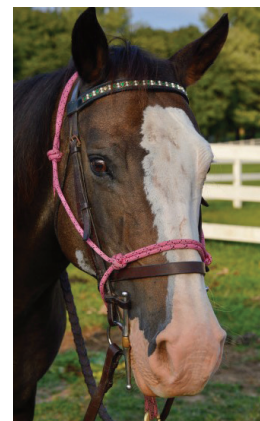
*submitted by Mollie Beach*

Hi Country Phantom, "Tilly" for short, is one of Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding's Paint mares. She is 23 years old and was a pleasure horse before being donated to CTR. Since she has been with us from almost the very beginning, she has been able to impact almost every person who has stepped foot into the stable.

Tilly has participated in the vast majority of our programming. She is a part of our therapeutic riding program, our veterans program, and our hippotherapy program. Most recently, she has been involved in our virtual programming; sending videos to our therapeutic students, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Harford County Public Library. She has helped on field trips with horse powered learning and other programming with equine assisted learning. Additionally, she is trained to drive. Her gentle nature makes her suitable for all types of therapeutic work.

Tilly is able to teach more than just horsemanship skills to our clientele. While she is a favorite in all of our mounted programs; she also teaches our volunteers and unmounted guests about interpersonal skills. Tilly is one of the most emotionally aware horses. She teaches individuals to be present in the moment and focused on the task at hand; otherwise there might be a gentle reminder that there is a large living animal at the end of the leadrope. She teaches people to be authentic and thoughtful. Tilly appreciates leadership that listens, while also being an excellent listener herself. She helps teach responsibility to volunteers, which in turn breeds maturity and a good work ethic. This kind mare could teach classes all on her own if people would practice slowing down and being humble learners.

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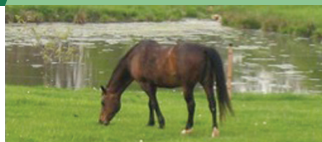
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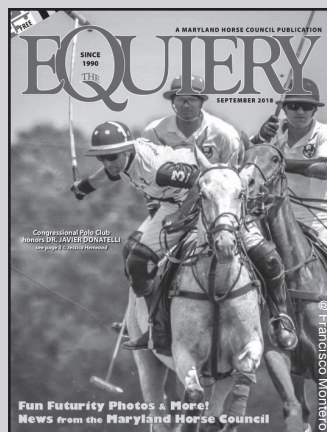
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Karenan Smart

Ashley Edwards rode Rocket Roxanne to the High Point Horse & Rider title at the St. Mary's Riding Club Annual Show.



Angie Leiby

Courtney Sendak and Just Once Ide jumping up the bank on the Modified course at the October Maryland Horse Trials.



Kacie Messick

Rebecca Perego dressed as a 1917 Suffragist for the Heritage class at the September Delaware Appaloosa show while riding her homebred Zips Mint Chocolate.



Shawn Paley

The Big Easy Farm riders Stephanie, Dannie, Natalie and trainer Adrian Ford at the Potomac Hunter Pace on October 4.



Alexis Reid of Healing Moon LLC gives Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's Apollo a massage in October.



Samantha Grace at the September 26 Harford Horse Show Association Derby Day.



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Monica Fiss and Don't Blink at the Flora Lea Horse Trials competing at Preliminary.



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Ellen Halle and Iggy Pop won the \$10,000 Adult Jumper Final at the North American League National Finals.



Shawn McMillen

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Angie Leahy

Kristen Marie won the National Novice Championship at the 2020 National Championship Ring Joust in Petersville while her son earned the Reserve Championship for Leadline.



Jamie Furtado and Imagine the Gold at the Full Moon Farm starter on September 27.



Karenan Smart

Sadie Swift earned the High Point Pony & Rider award riding Scottish Bag of Trix at the St. Mary's Riding Club Annual Show.



Tracy McKenna

Kori Pickett & Addie Jabin at Milk House Brewery during Hops and Horses Trail Ride on October 4.



Lauren Gillen rode one of Sandy Lytle's horses at the New Market-Middletown Valley Hunter Pace on October 10.



Larisa Rose showing DEFHR grad Rumor Has It at the Redland Goshen Pony Club Combined Test.



Tia Gay competing at the Harford Horse Show Association Derby Day on September 26.

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Karenan Smart

Carly Pipkin earned the Best Horse Rider award at the St. Mary's Riding Club Annual Show with Cloud Nine.



Donna Rae and her winning costume at The Pace Maker



Paige Ervin shared this photo of the biggest (19 hands) and smallest (10 hands) competitors at the PVDA Schooley Mill show on October 11.



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Shawn Paley

Natalie Paley and Vendetta in the warm up ring at the October 10 McDonogh Fall Classic.



Safe Haven Farm riders Shannon Barry, Lois Baccilleri, Alyssa Sands and Brielle Francia with trainer Tina Snyder at the PVDA Schooley Mill Show on October 11.

**More Out & About photos on Facebook!**



Tracy McKenna

Dana Scanlon and Dr. Elisa Harvey at Frey's Brewing during the Hops and Horses Trail Ride on October 4.



Izzy Lenk and George earning a blue at the Calvert County PVDA Show in October.



Three alumnae of the LEAD Maryland program enjoyed DNR's Patuxent Trails on October 10. From left: Crystal Brumme Pickett (*Equiery* founder), Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio (DNR Secretary) and Emily Wilson (DNR Program Manager).

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Maryland Jockey Club

The 145th Preakness Stakes certainly lived up to the hype of the hashtag "A Jewel To Remember" with the filly Swiss Skydiver edging out Kentucky Derby winner and Preakness favorite, Authentic, to win by a neck. Jockey Robby Albarado earned his second Preakness win having been aboard Curlin in 2007. This was the first Preakness win for trainer Kenny McPeck and owner Peter Callahan. Swiss Skydiver's time of 1:53.28 was the fastest set by a filly and second only to the 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat, who set the current Preakness record at 1:53.



Maryland Jockey Club

Miss Marissa added her third win in a row when she edged out Bonny South to win the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes. Ridden by Daniel Centeno for owner Alfonso Cammarota, Miss Marissa is trained by James Ryerson.



Maryland Jockey Club

Horacio Karamanos rode Evil Lyn to victory in the \$100,000 Hilltop Stakes. Trained by Mike Maker, Evil Lyn sat off the leaders but ran to the outside on the far turn to take the lead in the stretch. Vigilantes Way, ridden by fellow Maryland jockey Forest Boyce, made a late rush but the Paradise Farms Corp./David Staudacher filly Evil Lyn prevailed to win by a half-length.



Maryland Jockey Club

Another Maryland-bred victory during Preakness weekend was MCA Racing Stable's Harpers First Ride winning the \$250,000 Pimlico Special on Friday, October 2. Trained by Claudio Gonzalez, the state's leading trainer for the past three years, Harpers First Ride was ridden by Angel Cruz and was bred by Sagamore Farm.



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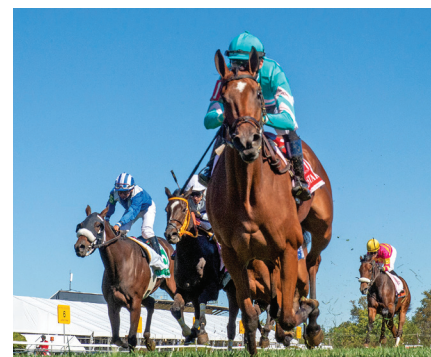
The Maryland-bred Never Enough Time shook off some pressure to win the \$100,000 Skipat Stakes by three-quarters of a length over Liza Star. Owned by breeder R. Larry Johnson and trained by Michael Trombetta, Never Enough Time took to the front early on and never let up. Jockey Julian Pimentel piloted her to the win.

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Maryland Jockey Club

Owner/breeder R. Larry Johnson started off Preakness weekend by winning the \$100,000 The Very One Stakes with his homebred A Great Time on October 1. The gelding is also trained by Michael Trombetta and ridden by Julian Pimentel.



Maryland Jockey Club

Four-time Maryland champion jockey Trevor McCarthy rode Fluffy Socks to win the \$150,000 Selima Stakes. Trained by Chad Brown, the Head of Plains Partners LLC homebred Fluffy Socks started near the back of the pack and settled there until McCarthy saw an opening and pushed the filly through to win by 2 1/4 lengths.



Maryland Jockey Club

Laki, who is trained out of Laurel Park by Damon Dilodovico, won at the wire in a three-way photo finish for the \$250,000 Frank De Francis Dash (G3). Owned by Hillside Equestrian Meadows with jockey Horacio Karamanos in the irons, Laki settled off the pace but began to run down the center of the track in the stretch. Laki, Nitrous and Eastern Bay came to the wire together with Laki earning the win.



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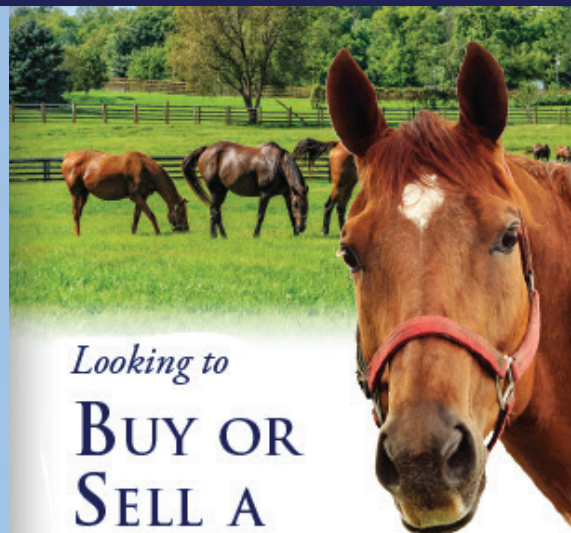


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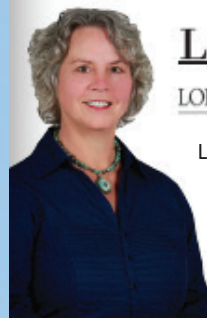


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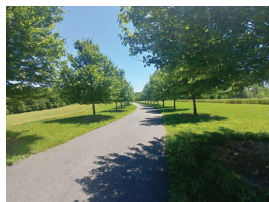
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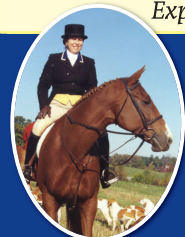
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# NEWS from MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

## FARMS + BUSINESSES = INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

At the summer quarterly meeting of the MHC Board of Directors, in recognition of the professionalism of our Business, Farm, and Charity/Foundation members, the Board voted to merge these three categories into one: the new MHC Industry Professional Membership. Why? Because business is business, regardless of whether it is a for-profit or a not-for-profit, farm, retail store, rescue organization or veterinary practice - it's all still a professional endeavor with similar and overlapping concerns. Since the benefits for each of the previous categories were the same, it just made sense to create one new umbrella category: MHC Industry Professional Membership!

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## NEWS FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

On top of the usual COVID challenges, member **Hilltop Farm** lost 2 of their great foundation stallions this year, each of which arrived in the 1990s and each of which made an indelible impact on their breeds: Contucci this summer at age 27 and Riverman in October at age 30. Meanwhile, Hilltop's roster was enhanced when homebred Hanoverian Louisville HTF (Lord Leatherdale - Negro - Fruhling), already licensed by ISR/Oldenburger, was accepted in the Hanoverian & Rhineland registries.

Member Jeanne Emge, who owns **Emge Equine** and **The World of Pets Expo**, is still planning to hold the Expo at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, operating under whatever the required COVID protocols will be at that time. But - just in case, - although she is accepting reservations, she is not accepting deposits until closer to the show. It is yet to be determined whether or not Horseland will be renewed at the Expo.

MHC bids farewell to former farm members Shelly & Dave Buhlman, who closed down their Howard County-based horse and hay operation **Marriottsville Ridge Farm** this year, a pre-COVID decision. "We enjoyed decades of showing with the Howard County Horse Show Association, and will be forever grateful for the association. It was quite a run, and I wouldn't trade it for anything, but I am glad to have moved on when we did," said Shelly. "We are so proud of Ellen Dempsey, who joined us in 2001 and is now launching her own business as an independent instructor." The farm name will live on in Shelly's kennel name and "new career," MRF Doodles, breeding petite mini-golden doodles in Maine.

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Congratulations to member **Laura-Lee Jones**, who has launched her own Long & Foster "Laura Jones Team" and moved into swanky new digs in Glenelg.

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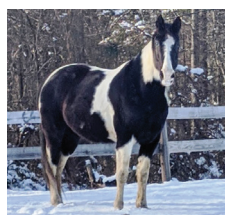
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## BRIDAL PATHS

Congratulations to Laurel Park-based Thoroughbred owner and trainer **Bob Haynes** who married exercise rider **Vicki Irons** on September 24 at their farm in Laytonsville.



Picture above: Congratulations to De La Brooke Foxhounds W huntsman **Kami Wolk** who married **Bruce Bitting**.

## COMINGS & GOINGS

**Mike Algeo** has stepped down as the Maryland Racing Commission Chairman but will remain on the Commission for another four years.

**Emmet Davitt** is the new Chairman of the Maryland Racing Commission.

**Tim McGrath** is now a District Supervisor for the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District.

**Joe Lehman** and **Chris Miller** have both been appointed as Associate Supervisors for the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District.

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## MARYLAND WILL MISS...

**Howard Franklin Payne** of Reichs Ford Farm in Ijamsville died on June 20 at the age of 71. Payne was involved in many businesses and charitable service communities. He founded and served as President of the award-winning H.F. Payne Construction Company (later named H.F. Payne Homes). He was also the twice President of the Frederick County Builders Association and past President of the Maryland State Builders Association.

Giving back to the community and serving others was central in Howard's life through his membership in the Good Samaritan Group of Frederick Health Hospital and the Frederick Rotary Club. He also served on the advisory committee of the Career and Technology Center for Frederick County Public Schools, was chairman of Corporate Fundraising for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Frederick Division, and was president of the church council of Living Grace Lutheran in Urbana.

Payne was also an avid pilot and would fly family and friends. Payne and his wife Joy were longtime supporters of the Maryland Horse Council and *Equiery* advertisers.

Thoroughbred racehorse breeder **Donald Kenyon Dean** of Potomac died on October 1. He was 85. He attended Will Rogers High School where he met Cora Hicks. They both attended Oklahoma State University where Dean joined the ROTC and married Hicks during their sophomore year in 1956. The couple had six children.

After his wife and daughter Cora died in a car accident, Dean settled in Potomac with his remaining children while working for IBM. After retiring from IBM, he became a lobbyist for Loral and then Lockheed Martin until 2000. In 2005, Dean met his second wife Martha Johnson. Sadly, their marriage ended after nine years, yet they worked to maintain a friendship.

Dean bred and raced Thoroughbreds for 37 years beginning with a filly named Mt. Airy Mama. The filly did not have the best racing career but went on to be Dean's foundation broodmare. At one point, he had 38 horses in his stable, sharing his passion with family and friends. His love of horses led him to work as a hot walker in his 70s. In addition, he served as the President of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America for several years and was also a Board Member. After completing his national



**Howard Payne and Joy Fernon at the MHC BBQ at Caves Farm**

RTCA terms, Dean turned his focus to supporting the local chapters in Maryland and West Virginia.

### Tommy McGivern

Submitted by J.B. Secor

Steeplechase trainer and jockey **Tommy McGivern** died on July 14 in Ireland after a brief illness. He was 62. McGivern was a very gifted steeplechase rider over in the Old County and won some 200+ jump races in Ireland. He earned his first win as a teenager riding for Michael Cunningham's stables. He rode the 1982 Champion Hurdle horse For Auction as well as other such notable horses as Irish Fashion, Greasepaint and Drumgora. With Drumgora, he won the 1977 Champion Novice Hurdle at Punchestown and the 1980 Red Rum Chase at Aintree.

After a riding career spanning just over 20 years, McGivern crossed the pond and landed in Maryland in the early 1990s working at the famous stables of Thomas H. Voss. Soon after, he broke out on his own career as a trainer working with horses for Jerry and Caroline Stautberg, Skip Crawford and the late Peter Hitchen, among others.

He had 124 starts as a trainer here in the U.S. from 1995 to 2006 with his first race on U.S. soil being the Hunter Chase Timber at the Howard County-Iron Bridge Races in March 1995. There, he trained Sir Darlin to finish second for Mrs. Henry Stern. His first win over fences was training Aron Yagoda's Mister Kite to his only win, the Maiden Hurdle at Saratoga Open House in 1996. He later purchased Mister Kite and finished second at Willowdale and third at the Fair Hill Races and Pimlico Races in 1997.

His last win in Maryland was with Fergis Galvin's Ambenay in the Maiden Hurdle at the 2003 Potomac Hunt Races. McGivern had great luck at the Potomac Races winning the Novice Timber at the 2000 Potomac Hunt Races with R.B. Billy, owned by the Crawford-Hitchen Stable. In 1997, McGivern won the Maiden Hurdle with Morning Mass (owner Crawford-Hitchen Stable) and the Open Flat with Just Plain Texas (owner Bruce Watkins) at Potomac. McGivern trained Morning Mass to three wins and several top finishes in just two seasons before the gelding was sold to Foxbrook Farm.



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Tammie J. Monaco

In the Maiden Hurdle, Road To Oz and Over-drawn battled it out to the last fence. Jockey Graham Watters pushed Road To Oz (gold cap/sleeves) ahead for the win. The grey gelding is owned by Holwood Stable and trained by Mark Beecher.



Tammie J. Monaco

Armata Stable's Zanzi Win went to the front right from the start of the Amateur Apprentice Hurdle race winning by 1.5 lengths with Archie MacAuley in the irons for trainer Ricky Hendriks.



Tammie J. Monaco

In the Open Timber, Skylar McKenna set the pace aboard Royal Ruse with Curve of Stone just behind. Curve of Stone fell two fences from the finish leaving Royal Ruse alone out front to win by 15 lengths for trainer Sanna Neilson and owner Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.



Bob Keller

Graham Watters earned his second win of the day aboard Rather Be Racing's Our Legend. Trained by Jack Fisher, the Irish gelding rallied from slightly off the pace to win the Open Hurdle.



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In the final race of the day, Colin Smith rode Agravain to win by 12 lengths in the Restricted Young Adult Flat race. Agravain is owned by Bruton Street-US and trained by Todd Wyatt.



Tammie J. Monaco

Junior jockey Teddy Davies earned a win aboard Hail Michigan in the Maiden Amateur Apprentice Training Flat race. Trained by Joe Davies and owned by William F.C. Marlow, Jr., Hail Michigan dueled with Optical Illusion down the stretch pulling away at the end for the win.



Tammie J. Monaco

Skylar McKenna was in the winner's circle again after the Amateur Apprentice Timber, winning by a length aboard Welcome Here Farm's Second Amendment, trained by Sanna Neilson.



Tammie J. Monaco

Skylar McKenna's third win of the day came aboard the Jack Fisher-trained gelding Briankakescookies (orange/brown cap) in the Open Amateur Apprentice Training Flat race. Owned by Mrs. S.K. Johnston, Jr., the chestnut gelding rallied around the last turn to win by three lengths.



Bob Keller

Leslie Young trained the Maiden Timber winner Tomgarrow for owner Leiper Fork Steeplechasers LLC. Jockey Gerard Galligan pushed Tomgarrow ahead at the wire to win narrowly over Satish, also trained by Young.



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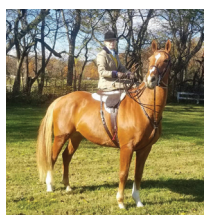
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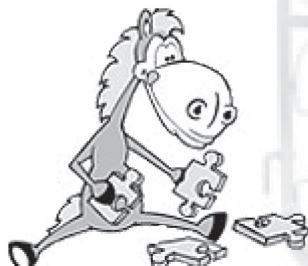


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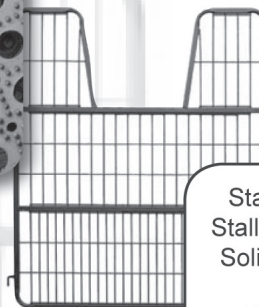
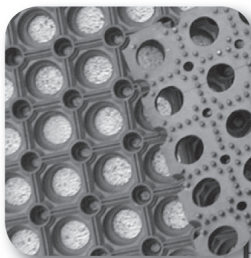
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