

In the News



Thomas Edwards
Photo by Arielle Perry

The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that **Thomas Edwards** of Fairview Farm in Minnesota has received a \$2,500 grant from The Dressage Foundation's **U.S. Breeder Excellence Fund**. Thomas has been a breeder for three years with the goal of producing three or four high-quality, well-bred warmblood foals per year. He attended the **American Hanoverian Breed Orientation Course at Hilltop Farm** in 2016, which fueled his interest in breeding and bloodlines and led him to establish his breeding farm. To continue his education, Thomas will use his \$2,500 grant to attend the Hanoverian Breed Orientation Course in Germany.



In June, **BarnManager** launched an initiative to amplify the voices of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Through this initiative, BarnManager will use its social media and blog platforms to share the stories of BIPOC equestrians and to provide another avenue for their perspectives to be heard. To learn more, visit www.barnmanager.com/amplifying-voices. If you are a BIPOC who would like to share your story or the work of an organization run by or benefiting BIPOC, email info@barnmanager.com.



Armand Leone
Photo courtesy of Armand Leone

Armand Leone Jr., MD, PC, of **Leone Equestrian Law**, received an **"Unsung Heroes" Professional Excellence Award**, presented by the **New Jersey Law Journal**. These honors are bestowed annually at the New Jersey Legal Awards to hard-working legal practitioners in the state who

go above and beyond to perform excellent work for their clients. As a successful business professional with expertise in equestrian sports and law,

Armand weighs in on legal topics in his monthly column for *Sidelines*. Armand competed at three FEI World Cup Finals and on Nations Cup teams representing the U.S. and is dedicated to fair play and safe sport. Last year, he finished his eight-year tenure of volunteer service on the **Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Tribunal**.

Mark Your Calendar

The Dressage Foundation has announced new application deadline dates for its **\$25,000 Anne Ramsay Grant for U.S.-Bred Horses** and for its **\$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize**. Applications for the \$25,000 Anne L. Barlow Ramsay Grant are due August 15th. Applications for the \$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize are due August 31st. For more information, contact Executive Director Jenny Johnson at (402) 434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org, or visit www.dressagefoundation.org.



Victoria Colvin
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Capital Challenge Horse Show management looks forward to welcoming many of the top hunter and jumper riders in the country for this year's show and **WCHR Finals**, to be held September 25–October 4, 2020 at the **Prince George's Equestrian Center** in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Due to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the following adjustments have been made to the program's WCHR Finals qualification protocols for 2020 only:

- A WCHR member's top two member events will count toward their standings.
- A member may request one region change prior to August 31. (Regional points are not retroactive.)
- The top 10 riders in each category from the regional standings will be invited to compete in their respective challenge class at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

Capital Challenge Horse Show will accept the top four to six riders from the regular divisions that are not pre-qualified through the regional or national standings for the challenge classes.



Cassandra Kahle, Don Stewart, Emil Spadone and Monday Balous
Photo by Jump Media

For the second year in a row, **Laura Connaway**, of **Connaway & Associates Equine Insurance**, will present a special award at the **Capital Challenge Horse Show** in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, to the American-bred horse who earns the highest-scoring round in the professional hunter divisions. "As a passionate sport horse breeder myself, I am honored to once again work with the Capital Challenge Horse Show to recognize the accomplishments of fellow breeders in this country," says Laura, who competes in the grand prix show jumping divisions as an amateur with her homebreds. "I look forward to shining a spotlight on U.S. breeders and the achievements of American-bred horses at this year's show." **Monday Balous**, piloted by **Cassandra Kahle** and co-owned by **Don Stewart** and **Emil Spadone** of **Redfield Farm**, was the winner of the inaugural award in 2019. The 2009 Dutch Warmblood gelding was bred by **Karin Morgenstern Jimenez** and **Carlos Jimenez, DVM**, of **Sporting Chance Farm** in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. This year, the **High-Point American-Bred Horse Award** will be presented on Friday evening, October 2, 2020, prior to the popular **WCHR Pro Finals** competition.

Show News



Megan Fitzgerald and Jane Ehrhart
Photo by Anne Gittins Photography

As the return to competition begins, many new guidelines and protocols must be followed, but stables like **Jane Ehrhart's River Hill Farm** based in Wellington, Florida, have not let the new requirements get in the way of enjoying their time in the show ring. River Hill riders such as **Megan Fitzgerald** (pictured receiving last-minute instruction from Jane), have followed social distancing and mask guidelines to blue ribbon success, including wins in the low adult hunters during the **ESP Spring Series** at **Palm Beach International Equestrian Center**.