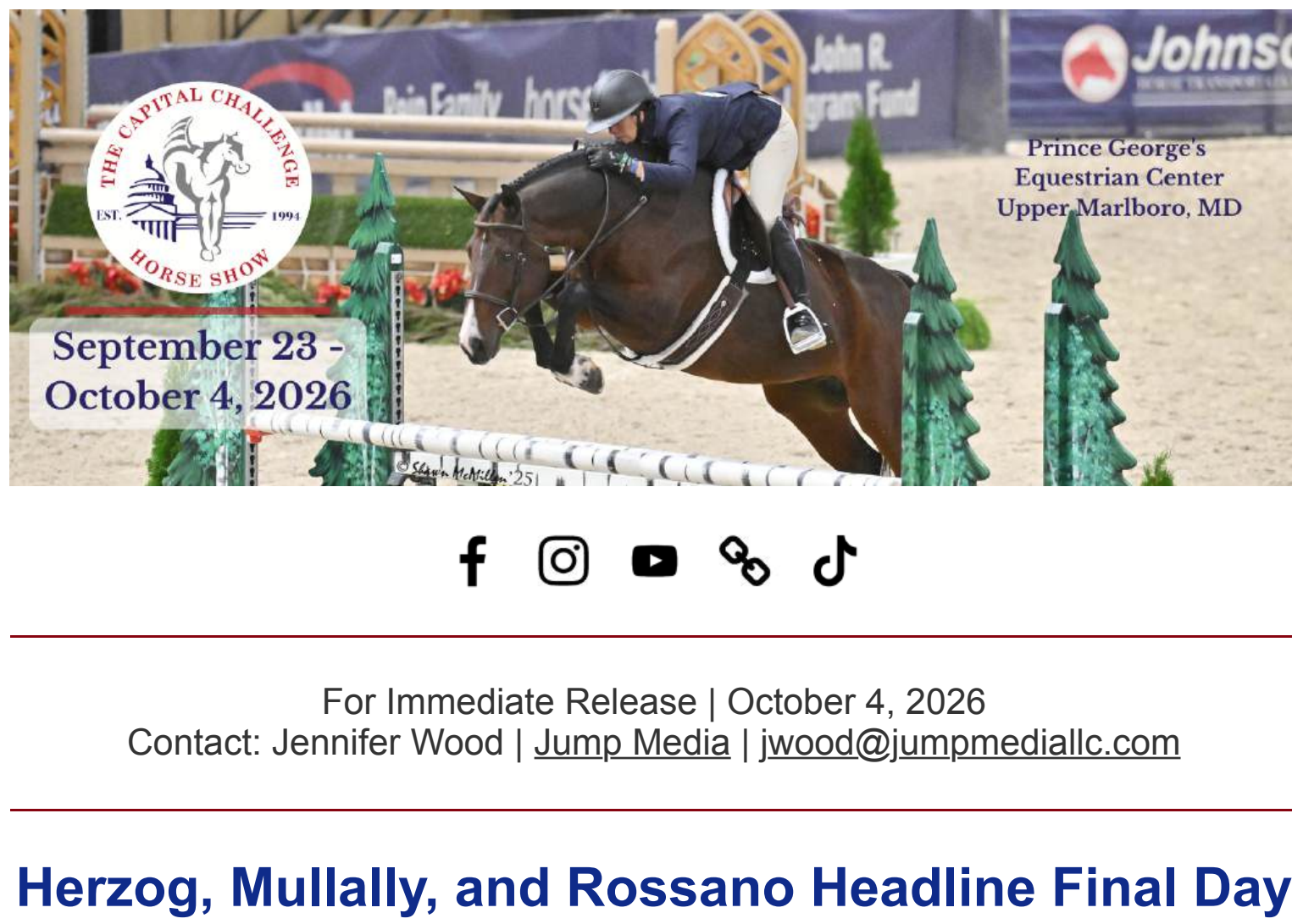




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Herzog, Mullally, and Rossano Headline Final Day at 2026 Capital Challenge Horse Show

Upper Marlboro, MD – Lilly Herzog and Styles, owned by Rivers Edge, couldn't be beat on the final day of the 2026 Capital Challenge Horse Show on Sunday, October 4, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. They took home the Grand 3'6" Junior Hunter Champion honors. Darby Mullally and Glasgow, owned by Judgment Farms LLC, repeated success at CCHS, this time for the Grand Children's Hunter Championship. Sienna Rossano and Black Tie, owned by Julian Steward, won the Grand 3'3" Junior Hunter Championship.

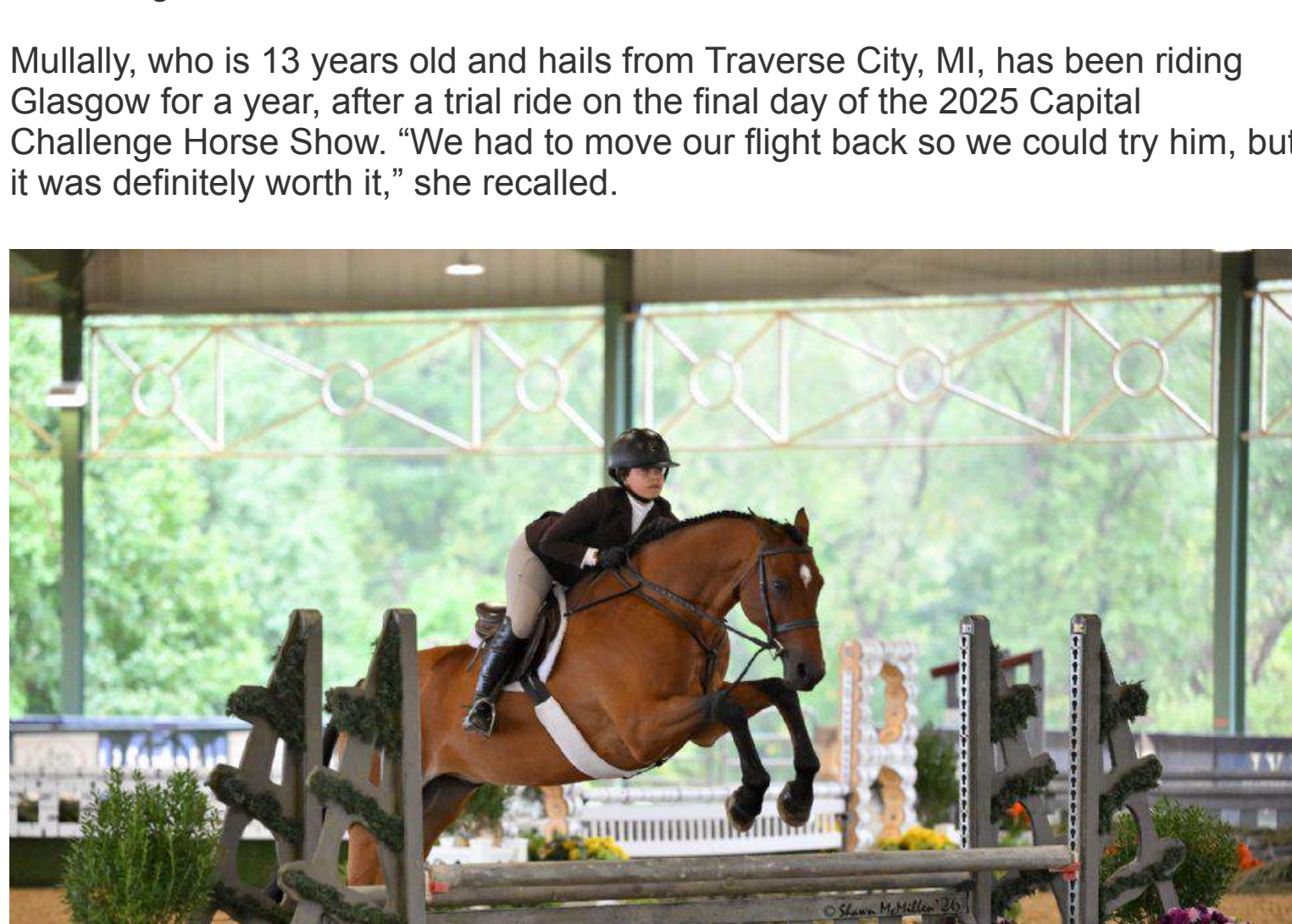


Lilly Herzog and Styles in their winning presentation. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

Herzog and Styles Fashion a Grand Win

Lilly Herzog and Styles finished their competition on Saturday but returned on Sunday to take home the lion's share of awards. After winning the Small Junior 3'6" 16-17 Hunter division with two firsts and a second over fences, they were awarded with the Overall Grand Champion Junior Hunter 3'6" Championship, sponsored by Shadow Ridge.

A few years ago, Herzog started riding ponies for trainer Scott Stewart, but before that, she saw Styles at Capital Challenge Horse Show. "It was really before I even knew about Scott, and I said to my mom, 'I want to ride that horse,'" she recalled. "Three years later, it was a very full circle moment when I got to ride him for the first time at the barn."



Herzog and her soulmate Styles swept the major 3'6" junior hunter awards. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

The pair started showing together in January 2026, and Herzog fostered a close partnership with Styles in the barn.

"Our relationship has gotten so much stronger just from sitting in the stall and constantly giving him cookies and scratches," she said of the 14-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Quadros. "He knows me when he sees me in the barn; he'll whinny sometimes, which is the best feeling."

They had great success this year, but Herzog still had some nerves coming into Capital Challenge. "It's a grand venue," she explained. "It's a grand show, but I knew I just had to trust in our partnership because I know him so well at this point, and he knows me really well, too."

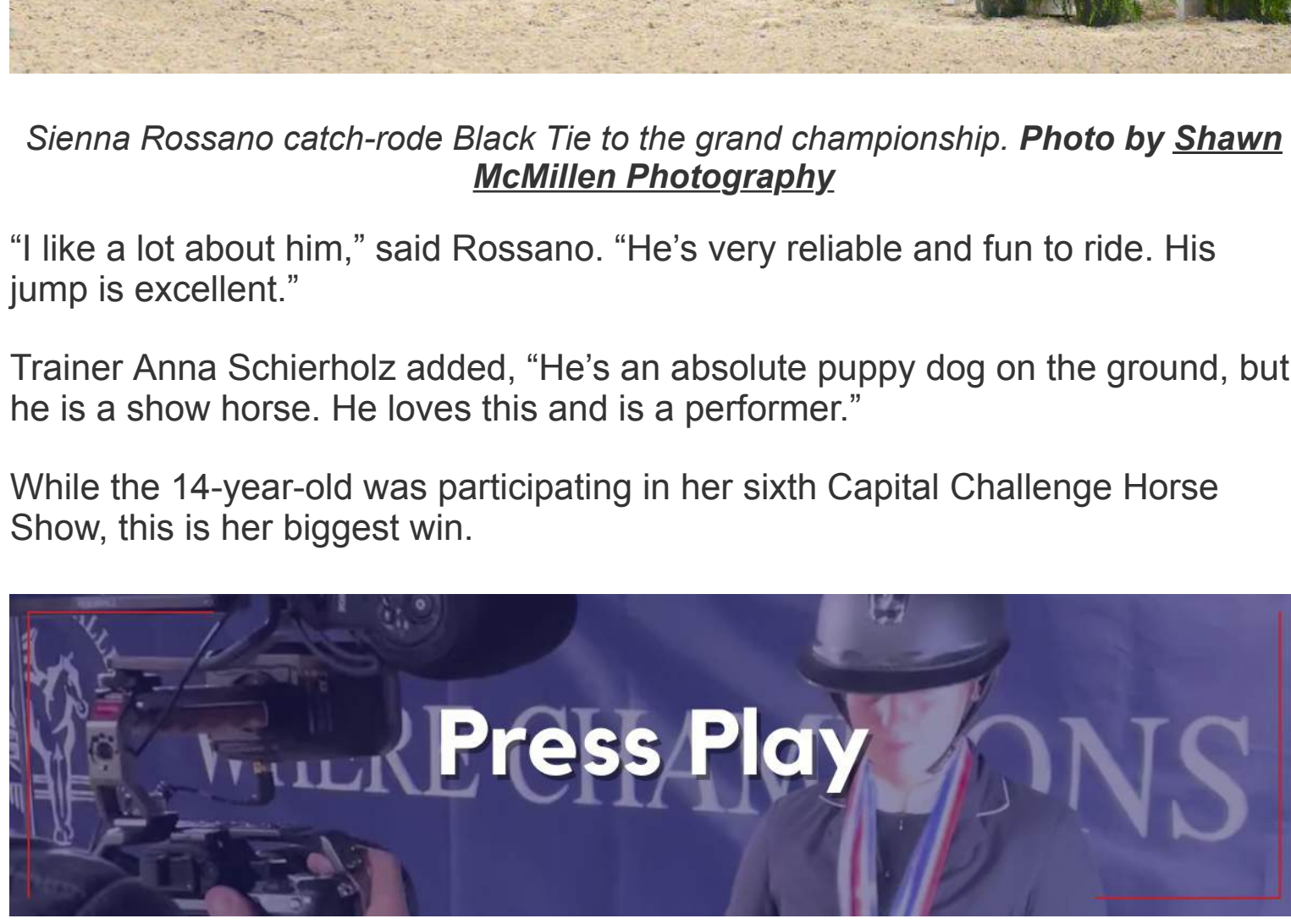
Their success means a lot to Herzog. "It was heartwarming to do it with Styles, who I would call my soulmate," she expressed.

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Mullally and Glasgow Continue CCHS Success

Top ribbons of two firsts over fences and second place under saddle earned Glasgow and Darby Mullally the championship in the Children's Hunter 14 & Under Section B, sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Duffy and Little Brook Farms, Inc. as well as the Grand Children's Hunter Championship sponsored by Mary Jane King.

Mullally, who is 13 years old and hails from Traverse City, MI, has been riding Glasgow for a year, after a trial ride on the final day of the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show. "We had to move our flight back so we could try him, but it was definitely worth it," she recalled.



Darby Mullally and Glasgow were the best in the Children's Hunters. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

Having moved up from Medium Pony Hunters, she had to learn to adjust her ride to the horse and bigger jumps. "He was my first horse, so it was a lot different," she explained. "He was so sweet and so forgiving of all the mistakes I made."

"We didn't start off winning everything," she continued. "It definitely took a while. It was definitely a lot of patience that I needed and that he taught me."

Winning the grand championship is "the best feeling ever. He's so good and kind, and I love him so much. It means a lot, and I'm so grateful for him because he's the best."

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Rossano Rides Black Tie to Grand Win

Sienna Rossano picked up the catch ride on Julian Steward's Black Tie to win the championship in the Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section B. With second-, third-, and fourth-place ribbons, they also won the Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship, sponsored by Everlane Equestrian LLC. Rossano was named the Best Junior 3'3" Rider Award sponsored by Deer Creek Farm LLC. The tie for reserve champion in Section B was went to Cassario 8, ridden by Kathryn Padilla for Zoe Wolf, and Easton Blue, ridden by Alexandra Mehas and owned by Pasley Equine LLC.

This was only Rossano's second show with Black Tie; the eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Diarado is a future junior hunter mount for owner Steward, who is 10 years old.

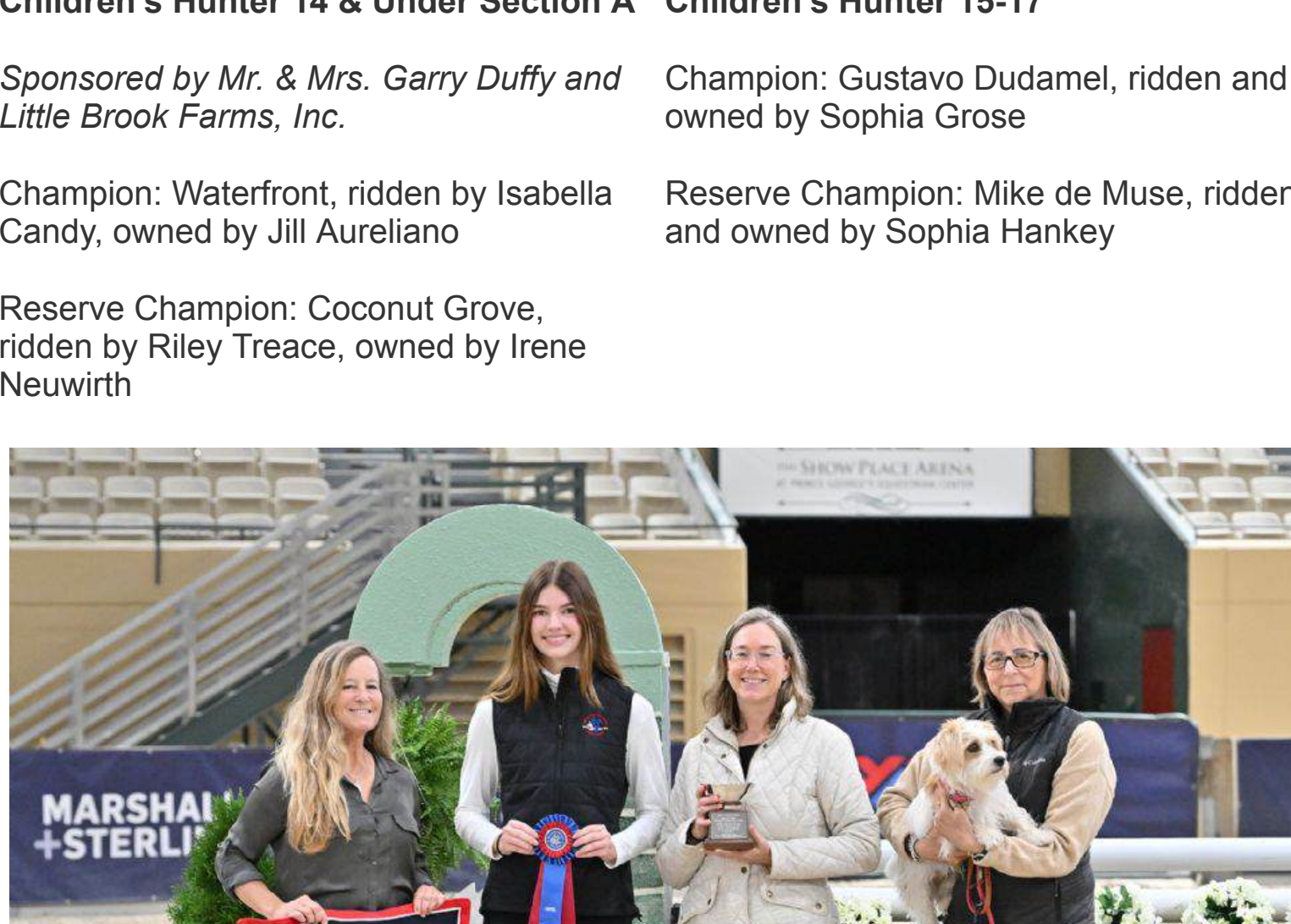


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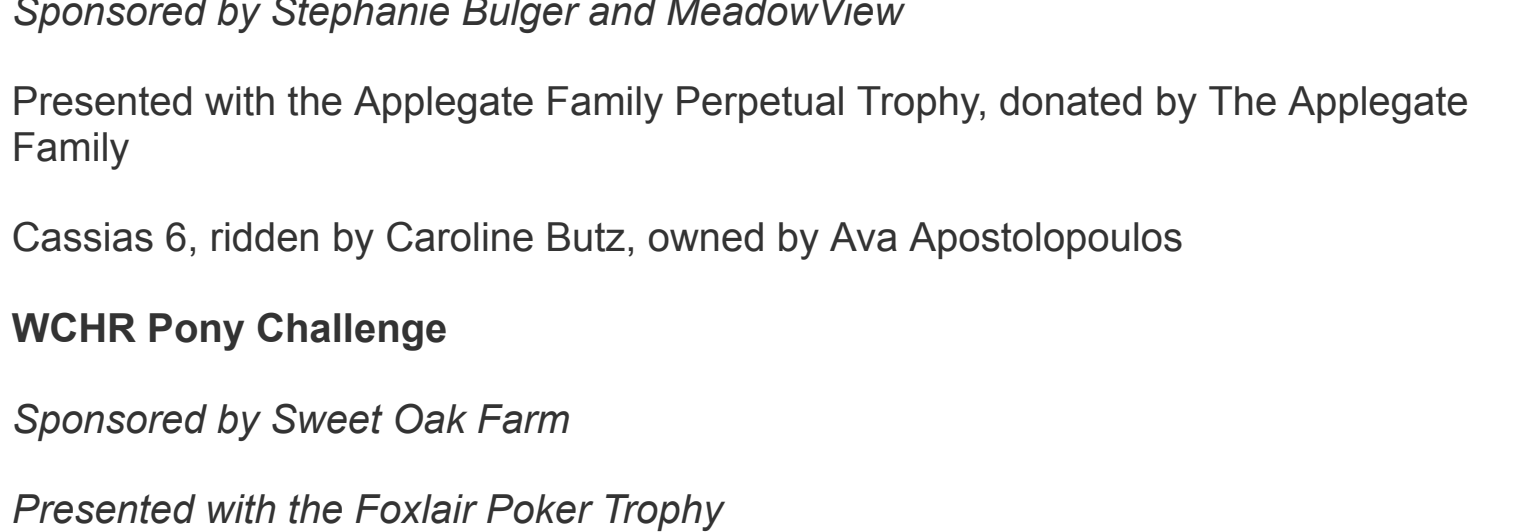


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