

In the News



Erin Miles
Photo by CJ Carpenter Photography

The Dressage Foundation's Maryal and Charlie Barnett Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund has awarded grants to two individuals to attend the USDF's Instructor/Trainer Program. **Kelsey Dunlap**, from North Carolina, and **Erin Miles** (pictured), from Michigan, each received a \$1,500 grant to further their education as instructors. Kelsey will use the grant to attend the testing session in Omaha, Nebraska, in October. Erin will use her grant to attend the workshops hosted by the **Midwest Dressage Association** in early 2020. Congratulations, Kelsey and Erin.



Green Major is the WIHS mascot promoting the show's "Green Is the New Blue" initiative.

The Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) is going green with the "Green Is the New Blue" initiative at the 61st annual WIHS on October 22-27 in Washington, D.C. Recycling bins will be placed throughout the event level and in stabling areas, while the show office will use recycled paper, including to print jump orders and course maps. In addition, the prize list, regional prize list and souvenir program will be printed on recycled paper with FSC- and SFI-certified soy inks. WIHS will utilize "e-ticket" vouchers for 60 percent of ticket vouchers and the remaining

40 percent will be printed on eco-friendly paper, while the VIP will-call and ticketing system will be transferred to an online system. Instead of disposable plastic bottles, WIHS will provide water with water coolers and biodegradable cups, and branded reusable water bottles will be given to all exhibitors, trainers, vendors and staff.



Julie Boilesen

The **Omaha Equestrian Foundation** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Julie Boilesen** as its new chief executive officer. Julie is a Nebraska native who most recently worked for **AT&T** and prior to that, **TD Ameritrade**. At each organization, she led branding and marketing teams, both on a domestic and global scale. "Julie is uniquely qualified to lead the Omaha Equestrian Foundation," said **Lisa Roskens**, founder and board chair. "Her corporate leadership and strategic planning expertise will help us plan and build for the future. Combined with her innovative thinking and sport horse industry experience, we will evolve our nonprofit mission and signature event, the **Burlington Capital International Omaha.**"



Nick Wagman and Don John
Photo by Andrea Evans/US Equestrian

The Dressage Foundation has announced **Nick Wagman** as the recipient of the **2019 Patsy Albers Award**, established in 2012 in

special remembrance of Patsy. The \$1,000 award provides financial support for continuing education and training to a High Performance rider. Nick Wagman of San Diego, California, and **Don John**, an 11-year-old KWPN owned by **Beverly Gepfer**, captured the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship at the recent **U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions** held at **Lamplight Equestrian Center**. The Patsy Albers Award is given to the highest-placing grand prix rider at the Championships who also competed for the U.S. at a previous North American Youth Championship.

The **Lake Placid Horse Show Association** has added six new members to its board of directors. The new members — **Robert (Rob) Ralston Boyd, Stacy Cascio, Chloe Field, Lori Fitzgerald, Sarah Galvin and Eliza Lehrman** — bring a combination of business and horse show experience that will greatly enhance the board's knowledge and expertise. "We are delighted to welcome Rob, Stacy, Chloe, Lori, Sarah and Eliza as new members of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors," said **Philip Richter**, chairman of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors. "Each of them is passionate about our shows and their experience in both the horse show and business worlds brings valuable perspectives to the board. We are truly fortunate to have such a stellar group join our existing board members who give of their time and resources for the betterment of the Lake Placid Horse Shows."

Mark Your Calendar



Days End Farm education
Photo courtesy of Days End Farm Horse Rescue

Educational opportunities abound at **Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR)** in Woodbine, Maryland. The non-profit not only rescues and rehabilitates suffering horses, but also works to prevent abuse and neglect through education and community outreach. On October 19, the public is invited to **Scout Day**, which includes a tour of the farm; horse tales; activities on horse