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Every spring, all eyes are on the Bluegrass. New foals are hitting the ground, breeding sheds are full, Keeneland is gearing up, the Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event returns to the Kentucky Horse Park, and of course there is that little race up the road in Louisville, the Kentucky Derby, held the first Saturday in May.

With all of this excitement happening across our state, it’s important to remind everyone what makes the Kentucky Horse Park so special. Each year our staff hosts over 800,000 visitors from all around the world, and we hold over 200 events including equine competitions, conferences, truck/tractor pulls, road races, soccer matches, weddings, family reunions, and many more.

This year we are excited to be honoring the 100th anniversary of one of the greatest Thoroughbreds of all-time, Man o’ War, who is buried here at the park. For any racing aficionado, casual fan, or admirer of equine sport and horses, we encourage you to join us as we celebrate this racing legend. While we pay tribute to his incredible life, our goal with the Man o’ War Celebration is to educate and encourage our community and guests to explore all that the Kentucky Horse Park has to offer.

It’s important to note, that our partners understand our values: passion, engagement, and community involvement. From day one, VisitLex and Georgetown/Scott County Tourism have joined with us in recognizing the positive impact the park and associated tourism have on our local businesses. We’re also thankful to Windstream, the presenting sponsor for the entire celebration. They, along with all of our sponsors, are committed to highlighting the park – a crown jewel of our state.

At the heart of our special celebration is an inspiring exhibit produced by our friends at Monster Color, a Lynn Imaging company entitled “The Mostest Horse that Ever Was.” Other related events include: a Man o’ War Movie Night sponsored by Keeneland, a 5k run/walk sponsored by UK Healthcare, and a limited edition Maker’s Mark bottle – 200 of which will be auctioned off during two fundraising dinners incorporating locally-sourced Kentucky Proud products.

Additionally, we have a legacy mural planned for the side of The Village Idiot, a restaurant, in downtown Lexington, and are working with Mt. Brilliant Farm and local artists with LexArts. A special Man o’ War Wheat Ale from Alltech and a “Big Red” ice cream from Crank and Boom also will be available. If you’re a fan of Breyerfest you can join over 30,000 attendees this July at the park and have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative Man o’ War Breyer model.

This season is going to be a fun and exciting one, all of which would not be possible without the continued support and hard work of our dedicated staff. On behalf of all of them, I hope you will join us to celebrate the original “Big Red.”

KHP, Executive Director
From discovering the horse’s ancient ancestors to coming face-to-face with some of the equine industry’s living legends, there is so much to discover at the Kentucky Horse Park. We are committed to both celebrating the history of horses and also to providing guests with the opportunity to be a part of it all.

Our staff, along with hundreds of volunteers, works tirelessly to ensure visitors a meaningful experience. As the majority of the population grows up looking at horses through picture books and online, we are proud to be able to provide Kentuckians and visitors with the majestic presence of distinctly beautiful equines throughout the park’s 1,200 acres. For both children and adults, we provide entertaining and accessible, educational experiences that make the incredible impact of horses feel very real and tangible.

One of Lexington’s most popular destinations, the Kentucky Horse Park offers guests countless ways to connect with the rich history of the equine world while discovering their love of both horses and Kentucky’s beautiful landscape. As the world’s very first horse park, we invite everyone to enjoy our equine haven!

By Ashley Alt
Reliving Horse History

Living up to our reputation as the place to get close to some of the world’s most renowned horses, the Kentucky Horse Park allows for behind-the-scenes sights and sounds of a real working horse farm while guests take their time exploring everything the grounds have to offer. From taking in the storied history of horses in the park’s museum, to seeing horses up close as they are prepared and presented, the park offers experiences that connect people with history.

Before heading outside to attend a show or meet the horses, visitors are encouraged to take a walk through equine history at the International Museum of the Horse. Through its fascinating exhibits, the IMH introduces guests to a whole new world of the horse.

As the largest and most comprehensive museum in the world dedicated to exploring the history of horses and their relationship and impact on human civilization, the IMH highlights the history of the horse from ancient times to the variety of popular sporting events of modern times. The museum also serves as a resource for scholars and researchers.

The mission of our 60,000 sq. ft. museum is to educate the general public, equestrian and academic communities about the relationship between humans and horses throughout world history. By displaying priceless artifacts, racing trophies, old-time carriages of regal elegance and more, the museum illustrates the evolution of mankind’s unique connection to horses throughout the ages.

Not far from the IMH sits the American Saddlebred Museum and Gift Shop, known as the Showplace for Saddlebreds, which allows guests to experience Kentucky’s oldest native breed of horse “at its finest.” The museum is home to the largest collection of Saddlebred artifacts in the world including trophies, photographs, artwork and a library of over 2,400 volumes used for bloodline and genealogical research. The American Saddlebred Museum features a variety of interactive permanent exhibits, a children’s area, award-winning videos as well as an award-winning movie that brings the story of this incredible breed to life.

Celebrating Man o’ War’s 100th Birthday

As horses have long been the major driver for tourism in the Bluegrass, we continue to uphold our reputation as a community of passion, commitment and excellence of equestrian events. One of the major highlights this year is the 100th birthday of the most famous racehorse in history: Man o’ War.

An American icon born in Kentucky who lived his life as astounding racehorse and sire, Man o’ War embodied power, dominance and pride. Big Red sparked imaginations like no horse before him. In a time considered “the golden age of sports”, Man o’ War stood as horse racing’s Babe Ruth.

We will be celebrating his accomplished life all year long with special events here at the Kentucky Horse Park, and throughout the Bluegrass.
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Summer Season Schedule of Horse Events

The summer season officially kicked off on March 15, and is jampacked daily with fun-filled activities, sights and new explorations for kids and adults looking to gain the full park experience. Guests can experience the daily shows and attractions that aren’t possible during winter months. Here is a breakdown of what visitors can expect from the moment they arrive up until their goodbyes.

Hall of Champions

The excitement of the racetrack and show ring is brought to life by the elite group of champion horses that reside at our Hall of Champions. Here, guests may meet our two Kentucky Derby winners, Go for Gin and Funny Cide, as well as other equine champions in daily presentations. The stories of their legendary careers are told.

Parade of Breeds Show

From the rare Marwari breed to the iconic American Quarter Horse, unique breeds perform amidst music, story-style narration and interaction. These beauties don colorful attire that evokes the culture, time period and customs of their native land. After the show, guests are invited to pet the equine performers, chat with our riders and of course, take photos! Visitors are also welcome to take a behind-the-scenes peek, witnessing the horses being groomed, bathed and trained before showtime.

Draft Horse Demonstration

Visitors looking for the opportunity to get up close and personal with these gentle giants can do so during the Draft Horse Demonstration, where our staff educates guests on general draft horse care, different draft breeds and harnessing methods.

Groom and Shine

Located in the Kids Barn, this hands-on demonstration is geared toward kids wanting to get their hands on the horses. They will receive instruction on how to properly groom them, ensuring they look and feel their best.

Daily Trail Rides

We offer daily trail rides and pony rides; previous riding experience is not required. For those wanting to take home extra-special memories of their time at the park, add a trail ride to the itinerary! For ticket prices, rules and schedules, call (859) 233-4303.
Featured Events
of The Season

As most locals know, the Kentucky Horse Park is not solely reserved for all things “horse”. In addition to providing hands-on education and entertainment with the horses, we also host a diverse selection of exciting events, and often. Here is a roundup of a few of the anticipated happenings coming this season.

Memorial Day Campout
From Wednesday, May 24 to Sunday, May 28, we invite Kentucky campers to our campground to kick off the summer season. During the five-night stay, campers will be treated to an ice cream social, crafts for kids, live music, free lunches sponsored by Northside RV and much more. If the weather permits, our junior-sized Olympic pool will be open that Friday for kiddos and adults to splash around. Visit KyHorsePark.com for information.

Vintage Market Days
The same weekend as the Memorial Day Campout, (May 26-May 28) is another special offering to jump start summer. Vintage Market Days, an upscale vintage-inspired market, is one of our most anticipated events of the season. Featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home decor, outdoor furnishings, seasonal plantings and much more, this weekend-long event is a truly unique opportunity for vendors to display their talents. Visit vintagemarketdays.com for tickets.

Festival of The Bluegrass
Join us June 8-11 for the Festival of the Bluegrass, a traditional Bluegrass Music Festival that has a little something for everyone to enjoy. As the oldest Bluegrass festival in the bluegrass region of Kentucky, now 43 years in the making, this family-run festival provides music performances alongside kids camps and activities for every age. For tickets and more information, visit festivalofthebluegrass.com or call (859) 253-0806.

Man o’ War Walk & Run
On August 5, walkers and runners of all ages will head to the park to enjoy a special race held in conjunction with the Man o’ War 100th celebration. This competitive yet casual 5K event will feature Man o’ War-themed t-shirts, designed with the racing colors that the stallion competed in during his years on the track. After breaking a sweat on the park’s grounds, this event concludes with a tour of the exhibit for race participants. Visit kyhorsepark.com or call (859) 259-4219 for more information.

Smooth Jazz Fest
Jazz lovers need not to go out of state in search of those bluesy, feel-good tunes. On Saturday, August 5, smooth jazz fans from across Kentucky and beyond will make their way to Lexington for a classic, old-time music experience like no other. The Jazz Showcase will be held at our resort campgrounds venue that evening. Sponsored by the African American Forum: visit aafinc.com to learn more.

High Hope Steeplechase
This thrilling jump-racing event benefits the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and Central Kentucky Riding for Hope. From a morning of tailgating to terrier races, pony relays and more, this is one that can’t be missed! Sunday, May 21 // highhopesteeplechase.com
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Since its inception in 1985, the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation has been an invaluable resource to the Kentucky Horse Park, raising private donations to support the park and fund many special projects, exhibits, and capital improvements that would otherwise not have been possible. Through the generosity of its many friends and supporters, the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation has helped to grow the Kentucky Horse Park to its current manifestation-a unique combination of an elite venue for equestrian competition, a working horse farm, an educational facility, tourist destination, and home to the National Horse Center.

Examples of projects funded by the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation in recent years include:

- The construction of three climate-controlled barns adjacent to Alltech Arena which allow equine events to take place at the park year round. The barns have become an important revenue-generating source for the Kentucky Horse Park annually.
- Construction of a dedicated Horse Path running between each of the park’s barns and competition venues, making it possible for horses and riders to safely traverse the park grounds away from vehicular traffic. The Foundation raised 100% of the funds to install this path, and continues to pay for the annual maintenance and improvements the path needs.
- Purchase of footing for the park’s competition rings and arenas. Considered to be some of the best equine footing available in the world, this investment has allowed the Kentucky Horse Park to attract world-class events such as the 2010 World Equestrian Games and the National Horse Show.
- Renovation and restoration of The Farmhouse, an original residence on the park’s grounds, which now serves as a rental facility for private events. With its lovely décor and renovated kitchen, the Farmhouse is a terrific place to hold small special events.
- Funding for many special exhibits in the KHP’s International Museum of the Horse (a Smithsonian affiliated museum) including A Gift from the Desert,
All the Queen’s Horses, and Imperial China: The Art of the Horse in Chinese History. These internationally acclaimed exhibitions have drawn thousands of visitors and much positive awareness and publicity to the Kentucky Horse Park over the past two decades.

- A new environmentally friendly electric tram, an alternative fuel electric trolley, and most recently an ADA compliant, wheelchair accessible electric golf cart shuttle. These investments provide accessibility to the over 1200 acres of the park for the many tourists and guests who visit, accommodating the needs of all visitors regardless of their physical abilities.

- Renovation and restoration of the bronze Man o’ War Statue at the entrance to the Kentucky Horse Park to its original appearance. This statue is beloved worldwide and has served as one of the iconic images of the Kentucky Horse Park since the park was founded.

- Annual donations in support of the KHP Hall of Champions, Breeds Barn and Horse Drawn Tour divisions, including purchasing new horses, underwriting special care for resident horses, audio visual equipment, tack and costumes for the KHP shows that take place in these areas.

- 100% of the funding for the Kentucky Horse Park Field Trip Program which each year provides thousands of public school children from all over Kentucky with a free visit to the Kentucky Horse Park. The Foundation funds the entry fee for the children and teachers, as well as scholarships to the schools to reimburse them for bus-related expenses. Since its inception in 2010, The KHP Field Trip Program has provided nearly 30,000 Kentucky school children with a free visit to the park.

- All expenses related to the KHP Volunteer Program. With its limited number of paid staff members, the park simply could not operate without this cadre of dedicated volunteers. The volunteer program currently has over 600 volunteers, plus dozens of interns earning college credit and career experiences by giving their time to the park. Annually volunteers and interns donate approximately 15,000 hours of service to the park, or the equivalent time of more than seven full time employees.

- The funding needed to renovate the interior of the park’s Visitor Center. In January, 2017, KHP Foundation committed the funding required for this project. New décor, a more efficient layout, and more usable space are just part of the renovation plans for the Visitor Center, with the first phase completed in April 2017. This much-needed facelift will modernize the forty-year old building, ensuring that the first impression of the park by its hundreds of thousands of annual visitors is positive and welcoming.

The above is just a sampling of projects, programs and improvements donated to the Kentucky Horse Park by the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation over the past 32 years. All of these donations have been made possible by private citizens, companies and foundations which choose to make charitable contributions simply because they are passionate about the park and its focus on celebrating man’s relationship with the horse. The Foundation’s mission is unwavering: to help make the Kentucky Horse Park the best place it can be for all who enjoy it. They hope everyone will join us in this endeavor by choosing to support the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation in the months and years ahead.
Happy Trails

Seeing and petting horses up close is one thing, but for many visitors to Kentucky, a visit just isn’t complete without the chance to actually ride one of the state’s beloved ambassadors. Rockridge Stables has provided the Kentucky Horse Park with its riding concession for 16 years, serving park visitors from mid-March to October.

“So many people have never had the chance to see a horse up close, much less ride one,” says Missy Gayhart, co-owner of Rockridge Stables. “We give people the opportunity to experience horseriding in a safe, friendly environment, while still giving them time to enjoy the other activities that the park offers throughout the day.”

Evaluating each guest for previous riding experience, size and any physical limitation, Rockridge Stables staff pair up riders with their trail mates for an approximately 10-minute introduction and a 30 to 40-minute excursion on the back trails of the park. There they “see the park between the horses ears,” as Gayhart calls it, riding by paddocks with horses of different breeds from various park departments.

Rides generally go out 5 to 6 times per day, unless there is bad weather, and are appropriate for ages 7 and up, although restrictions apply. Not to be left out, pony rides are available for the littlest park guests who want to give riding a try. Trail rides are $25 per person (or $18 with park admission). Pony rides are $5.

International Legacy

In response to the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park in 2010, city officials and area residents wanted to contribute a lasting community legacy to pay tribute to the moment in history.

The resulting project is the Legacy Trail, an eventual 12-mile long paved walking and biking trail leading from downtown Lexington to the park on the north end of Fayette County that opened in September 2010. The trail hosts interpretive signage and outdoor artwork by area artists, and is open year-round from dawn to dusk.

Until recently, 8.5 miles of the trail had been finished, but over the fall and winter of 2016 an additional 1.9 miles of the trail was completed around the perimeter of Kentucky Horse Park property along Interstate 75 to the Scott County line north of the park.

Eventually the Legacy Trail will extend into Scott County and will connect further into downtown Lexington to the east at the Isaac Murphy Memorial Gardens. This site is the original home of Isaac Burns Murphy, a famous 19th century African American jockey who was the first person inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, was the first jockey to win three Kentucky Derbies (among numerous other races), and was one of Kentucky’s most famous sons. Murphy is also buried at the Kentucky Horse Park near the Man o’ War grave and memorial statue.
Kentucky Flavor

A day spent meeting and learning about horses can make you hungry. Visitors to the Kentucky Horse Park may spend as much as a full day roaming the grounds, seeing the demonstrations and horse shows or visiting the museums to see it all. To help guests keep up their energy for everything the park offers, the Bit & Bridle Restaurant, the Paddock Café and the park’s concession stands located throughout the show facilities offer a variety of family-friendly food options with a Southern menu focusing on local Kentucky flavors.

“Our chicken for the Chicken Pimento Melt is brined in bourbon and the pimento cheese is as Kentucky as the horses are,” says Chris Ross, executive chef at the Bit & Bridle Restaurant. “We have crowd pleasers at the Bit that include a Club and the soon-to-be-famous BELT, which is a fried egg sandwich with bacon, lettuce, tomato and house-made herb mayo. Our goal is not only to be an amenity to the Horse Park but a place where one can dine on a good ol’ Kentucky lunch.”

Additional offerings with a Kentucky twist include Beer Cheese and Pork Rinds and the Pecan Chicken Salad with Southern fried chicken on greens with strawberries, pecans, grapes and a honey-mayo dressing. Concession choices include burgers and hot dogs but the park’s food service is starting a new BBQ concept with a pulled pork slaw burger, BBQ pork nachos and bourbon-brined roasted turkey legs. Folks may begin to visit for the food and stay for the horses.

Gone Fishing!

While horses are the park’s main animal attraction, guests may be surprised to find fish on-site as well. The Kentucky Horse Park has three lakes, Alltech Pond, the Man o’ War moat, and Rolex Lake, that are open to public fishing. The largest of the lakes, Rolex Lake (5.6 acres), is part of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program. This lake is regularly stocked with catfish, rainbow trout, largemouth bass, and sunfish. FINs lakes have special regulations due to the extra fishing pressure on them. Anglers can keep up to five trout, four catfish, fifteen sunfish, and one largemouth bass (as long as it exceeds 15 inches) a day. All anglers must have a fishing license to fish in a FINs lake. The fishing opportunities provide another fun activity for guests and campground residents. The park charges a $5 parking fee during the summer season, March 15-November 5. The rest of the year parking is free unless a special event is taking place at the park. For more information about the fishing lakes visit www.fw.ky.gov/fish.
The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event has become the Signature Event at the Kentucky Horse Park. It is the best known of the park’s many wonderful equestrian competitions.

Abbreviated as RK3DE and informally called “Rolex,” the event draws visitors and competitors from both the U.S. and other countries. There are loyal fans who haven’t missed a Rolex in years, and attend even on days when the spring rain never stops.

“We are blessed to have such a faithful and passionate group of fans that follows us,” said Lee Carter, Executive Director of Equestrian Events, Inc., Rolex’s governing organization. Carter believes that part of the attraction to Rolex “is the Horse Park. I can’t think of a better facility in the U.S. to have this event.”

Rolex horses and riders are among the best in the world; many have competed in the Olympics. They have worked for years to reach the top of their sport. Eventing is divided into three distinct parts. Dressage, held for the first two days, is often described as “ballet on horseback.” Based on cavalry training moves, the roots of dressage go back to the Greeks.

Dressage teaches a horse to move with precision and suppleness. That’s why it is good training for any horse in any discipline or type of riding. Horse and rider must follow a pattern inside a rectangular ring, performing certain moves at certain points. Watching them is similar to seeing figure skaters perform required, or school, figures on ice.

Upper level dressage riders are not allowed to make any sounds or speak to their horses. A rider’s shift in weight, tiny lift of a rein, or almost imperceptible leg squeeze tells the horse what to do.

The cross country part on Saturday involves a race over jumps. Riders start every few minutes and cover a four-mile course.

“You really do get to see the strength and power the horses have...”
“Cross country is the highlight of the event,” said Carter. “Part of that is you really do get to see the strength and power the horses have to run the course.” He adds that spectators can appreciate the “demonstration of trust between horse and rider, for the horses to do the amazing things they are asked to do.”

Carter suggests that people who don’t know much about horses or eventing should “come on the weekend to experience the excitement of cross country. You don’t have to have technical knowledge to enjoy it. Start with that and begin to build your appreciation for the sport.”

The third phase of eventing is on Sunday. The horses jump over fences designed to resemble Kentucky landmarks. By this time, some of the competitors’ scores are so close that even one railing knocked off can determine the winner.

The competing horses can be of any breed. Many of them are Thoroughbreds, Dutch Warmbloods, Belgian Warmbloods and other Sport Horse breeds. Cross breeds are also popular, for these horses carry the best traits of both breeds. For example, the speed of a Thoroughbred combined with the stamina and athleticism of a Sport Horse.

Whatever the horse’s breed, eventing demands that the horse be versatile, mastering the precise dressage moves, jump well for show jumping and cross country, and have the stamina for cross country running.

These eventing championships are comparable to Wimbledon for tennis players or the Masters for golfers. Rolex is the only Four Star (highest level) eventing competition held in North America. Five others are held in other countries. That is how elite the competition—both horses and riders—is.

Rolex offers much more than equine activities. The large trade fair is one example. Vendors range from local to international. They sell jewelry, clothing, art, fine leather items, hand knit sweaters, pottery and china, toys, and more.

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for craft beers,” Carter said. “The 5K race allows local residents and out of town guests to experience the Horse Park in a new way.”

He added, “We’re always looking for ways to showcase the Horse Park, to showcase who we are as a state, [to let people] see the Horse Park as the true Kentucky treasure it is.”

Rolex is great for people-watching. Visitors wear everything from blue jeans to elegant dress clothes. The umbrellas and rain jackets come out if it starts to rain, but nobody leaves.

Dogs are also much in attendance at Rolex, especially on cross country day. Dogs on leashes are welcome outdoors at the Horse Park, but not in the arenas or buildings. Many dog owners watching dressage or show jumping use the Lexington Humane Society’s on-site dog daycare service.

Cross country day is the best opportunity for children to enjoy Rolex. They can move around freely to watch the horses from many different locations and sit down when they are tired. Snacks and meals are available all day long. “You don’t have the open green space in communities that you once had, the chance to enjoy nature,” Carter noted. “Rolex offers that to kids.”

Members of various horse organizations put on demonstrations about riding with their horses. These mini shows are especially fun for children to watch and happen daily in the Walnut Ring near the stadium.

Rolex takes place because of the hard work of more than 2,000 volunteers. Some are Lexington residents, but others come from elsewhere.

“We have some volunteers—and sponsors, too—who have been with us since 1978 [when the eventing competition at the Horse Park that grew into Rolex began],” Carter explained.

Carter says that Rolex is remarkable because it features “the same horses and the same riders over multiple disciplines on consecutive days. When I speak to groups I try to convey how lucky the state of Kentucky is to have this event.”

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“He was the best horse I’ve ever driven. The toughest, the classiest, the gutsiest.” – Hall of Fame driver Ron Pierce

One of harness racing’s living legends is housed at the park’s Hall of Champions. Mr. Muscleman is a handsome bay gelding with a history that is almost as impressive as his 17 hands of height!

Bred by Brittany Farms and Spar J Stables, Mr. Muscleman was foaled April 23, 2000 by Muscles Yankee out of Meadowbrook Irene. Sold for just $2,000 as a yearling, Mr. Muscleman raced 2002-2007 for trainer Noel Daily and his owners Adam Victor and Son Stable. His fame came mostly as an older horse, trotting a record 1:51.1 as a five-year-old. He twice led in annual money-earnings for his age and gait.

“Muscles”, as he is affectionately called, earned close to $4 million in his career and retired as one of the richest Standardbred trotters in history. He was ranked ninth among leading the money-winning trotters of all time upon retirement. He will be inducted on July 2, 2017 into the Living Horse Hall of Fame at the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen, NY.

In spite of his fame, he remains one of the friendliest multi-millionaires (with four legs and a tail). Mr. Muscleman loves kids and is the most laid-back horse in the Hall of Champions. In fact, Muscles has been known as the park’s “gentle giant”.

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Racing the quarter-mile distance open only to American Quarter Horses, Be A Bono won nine Grade 1 stakes races during his career, including the Vessels Maturity (twice), Golden state Futurity and Los Alamitos Winter Derby. He earned $1.3 million, which made him the 19th richest American Quarter Horse in history. He also earned Quarter Horse Racing’s top honor when he was named World Champion of 2004. Bono was a home bred for owner/breeder Spencer Childers, 2002 inductee into the AQHA Hall of Fame.

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**Nickname:** Hoss  
**Born:** Jan 18, 1992 in Kentucky

While he had to battle injuries throughout his life, Da Hoss had a great racing career, winning 12 out of 20 starts and earning $1,931,558. Those wins included two Breeders’ Cup Mile races, the Fourstardave Stakes, and the Del Mar Derby.

Da Hoss’s greatest claim to fame, however, was his comeback from injury following his 1996 Breeders’ Cup Mile win at Woodbine Racetrack. Sidelined for almost two full years after that race, and with only one prep race to get him ready, Da Hoss came back to win the 1998 Breeder’s Cup Mile at Churchill Downs, earning himself the title “Comeback King.”

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**Nickname:** Funny  
**Born:** April 20, 2000, in New York

It’s been 14 years since Funny Cide won the 2003 Kentucky Derby, and he is still as beloved by his fans today as when he stood in the winner’s circle at Churchill Downs wearing the Blanket of Roses. Funny Cide was also the first gelding to win the Derby since Clyde Van Dusen crossed the wire first in 1929.

Along with his Derby victory, Funny Cide also won the Preakness Stakes that year, but failed to capture the Triple Crown, finishing third behind Empire Maker and Ten Most Wanted in the Belmont Stakes. Still, his two Classic victories helped “Funny” earn the Eclipse Award as 2003 Champion 3-Year-Old Male.
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**[ STAYING TOGETHER ]**

*Standardbred (Pacer)*

**Nickname:** Stanley  
**Born:** April 16, 1989 | Kentucky

Staying Together enjoyed a successful career, earning forty-six victories including the Canadian Pacing Derby, U.S. National Pacing Championships, The American-National (which he won twice), the Breeders’ Crown Open Pace, and many others.

Stanley also won six championship awards in the US and Canada in 1993, when he paced the world’s fastest race time on a one-mile track in 1:48.2 and the world’s fastest race time on a half-mile oval in 1:49.1.

While he now has only one eye and is blind, Stanley is a sweet horse who enjoys his retirement at the Hall of Champions.

**[ WESTERN DREAMER ]**

*Standardbred (Pacer)*

**Nickname:** Dreamer  
**Born:** April 25, 1994 | Kentucky

Western Dreamer made his mark in Standardbred racing in 1997, when he became pacing’s first Triple Crown winner in 14 years. He was also the first gelding to ever win the Triple Crown, which consists of the Cane Pace, the Little Brown Jug, and the Messenger Stakes. Western Dreamer is also the only gelding of any racing breed to have won a Triple Crown. With that success, Dreamer was named Harness Horse of the Year in Canada, Pacer of the Year and Champion 3-year-old Pacing Colt in both the US and Canada.

**[ GO FOR GIN ]**

*Thoroughbred*

**Nickname:** Gin  
**Born:** April 18, 1991 | Kentucky

Go For Gin is another Kentucky Derby winner at the Hall of Champions. He won it on a sloppy track in 1994, the 120th running of the classic. He finished second that year in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, losing the Triple Crown by a combined margin of only 2 ¾ lengths. Gin also placed second in the Wood Memorial Stakes and the Fountain of Youth Stakes, and finished third in the Forego Stakes and Churchill Downs Handicap.

Gin, who has lived at the Hall of Champions since 2011, is the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner in North America. His trainer, Nick Zito, has called Gin “One of the most honest horses I’ve ever trained.” Go For Gin hit the board in 14 of his 19 lifetime starts.
Man o’ War appears 13 times throughout Be A Bono’s lineage, mostly through the Quarter Horse, Go Man Go (also a chestnut).

34 of the last 35 Kentucky Derby winners were descendants of Man o’ War. The only exception is... you guessed it... Go for Gin!

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2017 marks the 100th anniversary of history’s most famous race horse, the one and only Man o’ War. He is an American icon, born in Kentucky who would go on to capture the country’s imagination as well as 20 of 21 starts in his race career. To celebrate his 100th anniversary, the Kentucky Horse Park is creating a year-long Man o’ War Celebration. There will be events both at the park and throughout the Bluegrass with various themes built around Man o’ War and his amazing life as a race horse and sire here in Kentucky.
The heroic bronze statue of Man o’ War stands on a pedestal just inside of the entrance to the Kentucky Horse Park. It commands the attention of every visitor who enters the park, as the Thoroughbred racehorse it memorializes commanded the eyes of all who beheld him in the flesh.

Sculpted by Herbert Haseltine, the statue was originally placed over the first resting place of Man o’ War at Faraway Farm, where the incomparable champion stood at stud and died at 30 years of age. When the Kentucky Horse Park was dedicated to “The Horse,” the remains of Man o’ War were moved to the park in 1977 to symbolize the courage, strength and magnificence of all horses.

Man o’ War was foaled on March 29, 1917 at Nursery Stud Farm, outside Lexington. Nursery Stud was owned by Major August Belmont, II, a member of New York’s first racing commission and one of the founders of The Jockey Club, the governing body of Thoroughbred racing. Belmont Park and the Belmont Stakes were named for his father, a millionaire financier and breeder.

An uncommonly large and long-legged chestnut foal, Man o’ War was the result of a carefully planned mating. His sire, Fair Play, was a hot-headed son of Hastings who had the ability to carry weight and race well at the same time. Man o’ War’s dam was Mahubah, a sweet-natured and big-boned daughter of the stallion Rock Sand, who himself was the winner of the 2000 Guineas, Epsom Derby and St. Leger, which constitute Great Britain’s Triple Crown.

With the First World War raging in Europe, Major Belmont was serving in France and decided to sell all of his yearlings in order to devote his full attention to his military duties. This dispersal included Man o’ War, who was sold to Pennsylvania sportsman Samuel Riddle on the recommendation of his trainer, Louis Feustel, for $5,000.

Nicknamed “Big Red” early in his training, it wasn’t long before the colt showed signs that he’d inherited his sire’s high strung nature, throwing exercise riders and proving difficult to handle. His antics did not take away from his talent, however, as he won 20 of 21 races in which he was entered.

His lone defeat came during his 2-year-old campaign from a horse aptly named Upset after a controversial start to the Sanford Memorial at Saratoga Race Course. Man o’ War defeated his rival in the pair’s five subsequent meetings, proving he was much the best of Upset and all other challengers.

“Man o’ War proved he was virtually unbeatable, which prompted most people to avoid running their horses against him,” said Ashlee Chilton, Education Coordinator at the Kentucky Horse Park. “As a three-year-old Man o’ War set or equaled track records in nine of his 10 races. Watching him race wasn’t about if he would win or who he was running against, but rather about what record he was going to break.”

Having won again and again with devastating ease, Man o’ War would have been required to carry additional weight – upwards of 140 pounds or more - in his races as a 4-year-old. For this reason Riddle decided to retire his champion at the conclusion of his three-year-old season.
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More than a million visitors came to see Man o’ War during his 22-year stallion career. Will Harbut, his groom during most of his breeding career, acted as Poet Laureate for the equine icon. Harbut idolized his charge and, when showing him to visitors, began every presentation with “He was the mostest hoss that ever was in all the world!” This proclamation would be followed by stories, of victories, anecdotes and testimonials until the overwhelmed and thoroughly impressed visitors had no course of action left but to back away respectfully out of Man o’ War’s presence.

Man o’ War never bred more than 25 mares in a season, most of which were owned by Riddle. While there are some discrepancies about the number of offspring Man o’ War sired, according Page Cooper and Roger L. Treat’s book, Man o’ War, which cites information from Daily Racing Form, of his 386 named foals, Man o’ War sired 64 stakes winners, including Triple Crown winner War Admiral.

Man o’ War was retired from stud duties in 1943. Harbut and Man o’ War were inseparable until Harbut died in October of 1947. The horse, at 30 years of age, mourned for 29 days and died of a heart attack, or a broken heart, on November 1, 1947.

“Big Red’s” funeral was elaborate and emotional. More than 2,000 sorrowful racing fans paid their last respects to the champion and more than 1,000 attended the service. He was buried in an oak casket lined with the black and yellow colors of Riddle’s racing silks.

Through his progeny, the blood of Man o’ War is still on the track today, running warm in many top-ranked Thoroughbreds, including the most recent Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah.
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In an effort to honor “The Mostest Horse that Ever Was,” the Kentucky Horse Park, the cities of Lexington and Georgetown, and a number of local and national businesses have come together to create a celebration dedicated to “Big Red” himself.

The Man o’ War Celebration, generously presented by Windstream, is anchored by the “Man o’ War: The Mostest Horse that Ever Was” exhibit at the International Museum of the Horse, which runs from the anniversary of the champion’s birth on March 29 through November 1. The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, and a timeline which pays homage to the champion’s life and many accomplishments. Printing and consultative services were provided in-kind by Lexington-based Monster Color. Jonathan Lang, Deputy Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park says “We are very grateful for all of the support from our friends at Monster Color and we hope visitors will appreciate all of the hard work their team contributed in telling Man o’ War’s story.”

Guests will also be able to purchase limited edition Man o’ War-themed merchandise and collectibles in the gift shop, as well as throughout the city from a pop-up tent during Man o’ War-themed events.
Fans of “Big Red” will have many opportunities to take part in the celebration throughout the summer. Faraway Farm, which played home to Man o’ War during his illustrious stallion career and into his twilight years, is now part of Mt. Brilliant Farm. The farm will host an exclusive dinner to benefit The Race for Education scholarship fund on the eve of the Belmont Stakes, June 9, which Man o’ War won in world-record time by 20 lengths. Limited to 100 guests, the dinner will feature a collector’s edition Maker’s Mark bottle as a keepsake.

To continue the celebration, The Village Idiot Pub in downtown Lexington on Short Street has offered their building as a canvas for a large-form, commissioned mural that will commemorate “Big Red’s” Belmont Stakes victory. To commemorate the mural’s unveiling on June 10, a street party will be held as the work of art is revealed.

Fans old and young will want to visit the Kentucky Horse Park the evening of June 24 for a Man o’ War-themed movie night presented by Keeneland. In addition to special extended hours at the International Museum of the Horse for “Man o’ War: The Mostest Horse That Ever Was” exhibit, the park’s theaters will be playing several family-friendly horseracing-themed movies and will have a variety of other activities available for youngsters.

Families and fans alike will also want to check out the Horse Country Tours website (visithorsecountry.com) for their Man o’ War-themed tours, which will include stops at Mt. Brilliant Farm to see the barn that Man o’ War once called home and also the Kentucky Horse Park to see Man o’ War’s memorial, “Man o’ War: The Mostest Horse That Ever Was” exhibit and more.

Collectors of model horses or Man o’ War memorabilia, will want to catch Breyerfest. One of the most popular annual events at the Kentucky Horse Park, this year’s Breyerfest model horse event July 14-16 will feature a collector’s edition Breyer model of Man o’ War.
What better way to honor a racing champion than with a race in his honor? Running enthusiasts may come to the Kentucky Horse Park on August 5 to take part in the Man o’ War Walk and Run presented by UK Healthcare, a competitive and casual 5K event that will take participants through the Kentucky Horse Park grounds. Each walker/runner will receive a Man o’ War race t-shirt designed in the colors of the racing silks that “Big Red” carried to victory in his 20 career wins.

“For us, it’s all about passion, engagement and community involvement – and partnering with organizations that share this same philosophy,” said Lang. “From day one VisitLex, and Georgetown/Scott County Tourism were on board and understand just how important it is to promote the Park. We’re also delighted Windstream stepped up to be the presenting sponsor for the entire Celebration. They, along with all of our sponsors, are committed to highlighting what is certainly one of the crown jewels of our state.”

A number of well-known local food and beverage brands are commemorating Man o’ War in their own ways. One of Lexington’s favorite treats, Crank & Boom ice cream, is honoring the racing legend with the aptly named “Big Red” sorbet. This mouthwatering strawberry balsamic blend will be available at their location in the Distillery District, retail locations and their traveling event cart.

There will also be several commemorative libations bearing Man o’ War’s name available throughout the year. In addition to the limited edition Maker’s Mark Man o’ War collector’s bottle being created for the dinner at Mt. Brilliant, locals can also make a toast in the name of the champion racehorse with a glass of “Man o’ War Wheat,” a wheated beer being produced by Alltech’s Lexington Brewing Company. The specialty brew will be available at bars and restaurants throughout Lexington this year.

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MAN O’ WAR 100TH CELEBRATION KICK-OFF

The Kentucky Horse Park opened their gates on March 29th to kick-off the celebration of Man o’ War on what would have been his 100th Birthday!
# Man O’ War Celebration

## Calendar of Events

### "Man O’ War: The Mostest Horse That Ever Was" Exhibit

**Mar 29 – Nov 1**
Opening to the public at the International Museum of the Horse, this one-of-a-kind tribute to the legendary racehorse will give visitors a chance to learn more about his amazing career and experience never before seen items on display. Included in the price of admission to the park, the exhibit will run through the summer and fall, closing on November 1st, the day of Man O’ War’s passing.

### Man O’ War Dinners

**Jun 9 & TBA**
Two celebratory dinners will be held in honor of the legend. The first, held the night before the 100th anniversary of his Belmont victory, will be held at Mt. Brilliant Farm in conjunction with The Race for Education. The June 9th event will be limited to 100 guests and feature a collector’s edition Maker’s Mark bottle as part of the dinner. The second dinner will feature a unique setting around the recently renovated Man O’ War statue at the Kentucky Horse Park. A true farm-to-table event will feature local chefs creating a Kentucky “racing” themed dinner and cocktails befitting a champion.

### Collector’s Edition Man O’ War at Breyerfest

**Jul 14, 15 & 16**
As part of the annual Breyerfest event at the park, a collector’s edition Man O’ War horse has been commissioned. This replica of the greatest Thoroughbred of all time will prove to be a popular addition to the heavily attended model horse festival for fans from around the country.

### Horse Country Man O’ War Tours

**TBA**
Building on the successful tours of Central Kentucky farms, Horse Country will offer limited tours that include a visit to not only the Kentucky Horse Park, but also to Mt. Brilliant Farm where guests can see the fully-renovated barn where he stood his entire stallion career. Dates of the tour are built around his biggest racing days and can be booked at Horse Country tour’s website.

### Man O’ War Movie Night

**Jun 24**
Presented by Keeneland
Families will be able to enjoy special evening hours for “The Mostest Horse That Ever Was” exhibit as well as take in two Thoroughbred racing-themed movies in the park’s theatres. Special events and activities will go on throughout the night for kids and families.

### Ed and Ercel Talk Man O’ War

**TBA**
Two of the Thoroughbred industry’s leading historians will offer fans of racing an intimate evening of stories around the legend that is — Man O’ War. Ed Bowen, author of the definitive history of Man O’ War and beloved racing historian Ercel Ellis will weave the tales of the great horse and also answer questions from those in attendance. Fans will be able to attend the exhibit before and after Ed and Ercel’s program.

### Man O’ War Walk and Run

**Aug 5**
Presented by UK Healthcare
Winding through the park’s grounds and including a tour of the exhibit, walkers and runners of all ages will enjoy a special race held in conjunction with the Man O’ War 100th Celebration. A competitive and casual 5k event will have a Man O’ War themed unique T-shirt in the racing silks that he competed in during his years on the track.

### Man O’ War – The Funeral

**Nov 1**
The actual funeral of Man O’ War was followed closely on radio not just in America, but also several countries around the world. A special airing of his funeral broadcast will be made available on local radio for fans to hear the special eulogy and listen to the funeral where literally thousands showed up to pay their respects to the great horse.
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Steak, American
Originating in Ireland in the eighteenth century and introduced to America more than 100 years later, a steeplechase is a unique style of horse racing that tests not only speed and stamina, but also jumping ability in a horse. Horses and their riders compete in a distance race that covers several miles, jumping over various fences and obstacles along the course.

For nearly 50 years the High Hope Steeplechase has been an iconic Bluegrass tradition, offering spectators a glimpse into the past and a day at the races like no other. Held each year in May, the High Hope Steeplechase is the premier event on a four-race card of both flat and jump racing run over the undulating steeplechase track that circles part of the park’s expansive cross-country complex.

“We are unique in that we are the only steeplechase in this area,” said High Hope Steeplechase Director of Racing Michelle Primm. “High Hope has enjoyed the support of the same families for several generations and that’s what makes it so special.”

Spectators come out in droves for the family-friendly event and can choose to enjoy the races in a number of ways. Tailgating has become increasingly popular over the years, as families and groups set up along the outside of the course to enjoy an up-close view of the races. Attendees may also purchase tickets in advance for the hospitality tent and enjoy a lunch buffet, open bar and a finish-line view of the races. Lawn boxes are also available, offering the option of either bringing a picnic basket or ordering one from the race organizers prior to race day. General admission tickets are always available as well and can be purchased on race day at the gate.

In addition to the steeplechase races, High Hope also hosts Side Saddle and Pony Races! The Side Saddle races are new to High Hope, and feature riders dressed in traditional habits in both a flat and over fences race. High Hope has hosted these races for 2 years now, and are honored to have Susan Oakes, a professional side saddle rider from Ireland fly over to compete in the races. Susan holds the world record for the side saddle puissance at 6’5”! Also on the High Hope race card is a flat and over fences pony race, children ages 8-16 on ponies <14.2 hands, riders are sponsored by local Thoroughbred Farms and wear their racing silks for the races.

Patrons are sure to enjoy the various demonstrations and exhibitions, including the Parade of the Hounds presented by the Long Run Hounds, stick horse races (with divisions for both children and adults!), vendor area and more.

“High Hope has become a springtime tradition in Central Kentucky that attracts people from all over the country, not just from Lexington,” said Primm. “Whether you are a steeplechase enthusiast, a terrier racer or a family that enjoys a day of tailgating, there is plenty of excitement to be had at High Hope.”

Held as a charity event since its inception, proceeds from this year’s High Hope Steeplechase will go to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and Central Kentucky Riding for Hope.

For more information about the High Hope Steeplechase, go to www.highhopesteeplechase.com.
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Save the Date - May 21, 2017

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Hoof it at the Kentucky Horse Park this summer!
The Kentucky Horse Park Run/Walk Club invites everyone to experience the park grounds up close and personal on Monday nights, June 5–September 25. This free, family-friendly event offers entertainment and outdoor fun in the heart of the Bluegrass.
The Run/Walk Club allows participants to enjoy the designated route at their own pace. The 2-mile route is perfect for walkers and joggers of any skill level, and it offers the option of adding on an additional 1.5-mile loop for an extra challenge. This scenic walk winds around beautiful Kentucky fields, often providing Instagram-worthy views of the park’s horses as they graze.
The Run/Walk Club is a family-friendly affair for all ages. Kids and strollers are welcome. There’s no reason to leave Fido at home; leashed dogs are invited, too!
The fun starts at the Kentucky Horse Park Visitor Center. Informational booths and horse meet-and-greets offer lots for everyone to learn from and enjoy. Special guests and entertainment will pop in throughout the summer. Foodies will love the Run/Walk Club: local craft beers and food trucks welcome guests at sign in.
With the Kentucky Horse Park Run/Walk Club, Monday nights in the summer at the park mean stunning views, outdoor adventures, great entertainment, delicious fare and fun for all ages!
The Kentucky Horse Park Run/Walk Club is on Monday evenings from June 5–September 25. Check in is 5-8 pm at the Kentucky Horse Park Visitor Center. For more information about the KHP Run/Walk Club, contact Annie Hickey at 859.259.4267 or email: annie.hickey@ky.gov
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June 1st - 4th  
Park-wide  
www.nationaldrive.net

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June 3rd  
Cross Country Course  
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Pyramid Society Egyptian Arabian Event  
June 7th - 10th  
Covered Arena  
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June 7th - 11th  
Hunter Jumper Complex, Walnut Ring and Rolex Stadium  
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Festival of the Bluegrass - $  
June 8th - 11th  
Campground  
www.festivalofthebluegrass.com

Youth Riding Camp: Summer Break - $  
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Hunter Jumper Complex, Walnut Ring, Rolex Stadium, Covered Arena  
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Alltech Arena  
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June 19th - 23rd  
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June 21st - 25th  
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June 24th  
Visitor Center  
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June 28th - July 2nd  
Covered Arena  
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June 28th - July 2nd  
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June 30th - July 2nd  
Alltech Arena  
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July 1st  
Cross Country Course  
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Extreme Mustang Makeover - $  
July 6th - 8th  
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July 6th - 9th  
Hunter Jumper Complex  
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Medals, Memories & Milestones:
Great Moments in American Show Jumping

Through November 30, 2018
Wheeler Museum, USHJA

The exhibit follows the history of the United States Equestrian Team from its founding in 1950 through the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. On the national scene, the exhibit highlights the growth and importance of the grand prix series, such as those organized by the American Grandprix Association and the United States Grand Prix League.
Legends of the Saddlebred World:
The Lives and Times of Tom & Donna Moore
Through December 30th
American Saddlebred Museum

Tom and Donna Moore were innovators and game changers in the Saddlebred industry, both as a team and separately. They put together several dynasties of show horses never before matched by a public training stable, and their names are synonymous with world’s grand champions and a tradition of excellence. Featured in the exhibit are items and artifacts that belonged to Tom and Donna, including photographs, paintings, trophies, ribbons and memorabilia.

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KMSHA/SMHA International Grand Championship
September 14th - 16th
Covered Arena
www.kmsha.com

KHJA Fall Classic Horse Show
September 15th - 17th
Hunter Jumper Complex
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September 16th
Alltech Arena
www.chuckgivens.com

Horses & Hope Trail Ride - $
September 17th
Alltech Arena, Park-wide
www.kyhorsepark.com/kcp-west

Kentucky National Hunter Jumper Show
September 20th - 24th
Alltech Arena, Rolex Stadium, Hunter Jumper Complex, Covered Arena and Walnut Ring
www.thekentuckynational.com

Franklin County Cross Country Invitational - $
September 23rd
Walt Robertson Blvd. Area
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September 25th - 29th
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Battle in the Saddle, Celebrity Team Penning - $
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Jump Start Horse Trials
September 29th - October 1st
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Fall Break - $
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www.retiredracehorseproject.org

Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event
October 5th - 8th
Carriage Driving Course
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October 10th - 14th
Campground (Campers Only)
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Dressage Complex  
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PMHA Fall Harvest Horse Show  
October 14th - 15th  
Covered Arena  
www.puremorab.com

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October 17th - 21st  
Campground (Campers Only)  
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October 19th - 22nd  
Hunter Jumper Complex, Dressage Complex and Cross Country Course  
www.hagyardmidsouth.com

Lexington Catholic Cross Country Invitational - $  
October 21st  
Walt Robertson Blvd. Area  
lexingtoncatholic.com

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October 27th - 28th  
Covered Arena and Club Lounge  
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Rolex Stadium  
www.usmga.us

CKRH Halloween Trail Ride and Used Tack Sale - $  
October 28th - 29th  
CKRH and Trail Ride Course  
www.ckrh.org

Octoberfest  
October 28th - 29th  
Dressage Complex, Cross Country Course and Hunter Jumper Complex  
www.champagnerun.com

CP National Horse Show - $  
October 31st - November 5th  
Alltech Arena  
www.nhs.org

Southern Lights: Presented by the KHP Foundation - $  
November 17th - December 31st  
Park-wide (Indoor attractions closed on Nov 23, and Dec 24-31)  
www.khpfoundation.org

Snowbird Dressage  
November 18th  
Covered Arena  
www.kentuckydressageassociation.com

KHSAA State Cheerleading Championships - $  
December 9th  
Alltech Arena  
www.khsaa.org

Snowball Series Mounted Games  
December 9th - 10th  
Covered Arena  
www.mountedgames.org

Snowbird Dressage  
December 16th  
Covered Arena  
www.kentuckydressageassociation.com

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Emily and Evan Wehrle knew exactly what they wanted for their wedding: a whimsical, bohemian-style setting that emphasized the beauty of Kentucky. While researching venues, they were intrigued by The Cove, a wedding option at the Kentucky Horse Park. They contacted Special Events Coordinator Danielle Rice to take a look at the location.

The moment they saw it, Emily and Evan knew they’d found the perfect spot to say “I do”. The couple loved the quaint feel of The Cove. The lush foliage, secluded feel, and natural setting matched the vision of their big day perfectly.

Emily and Evan set the date for July 9, 2016 and worked with the events team at the park to plan a gorgeous wedding for 230 guests. Then, the one thing they couldn’t plan for happened: the day before the wedding, it rained. Poured, really, making the outdoor setting far from ideal. However, Danielle and the team at the park were quick to jump into action, putting in extra work to ensure the grounds were absolutely perfect for the ceremony the next day.

The newlyweds would be quick to recommend the Kentucky Horse Park to others planning a wedding. “Danielle went above and beyond to make sure our family and friends were taken care of and it allowed us to be able to enjoy our special day to the fullest. It made our wedding day one we will remember forever.”

Emily & Evan Wehrle
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Tessa and Brandon Mason were both raised in country settings with a small-town feel. Brandon is from Nicholasville, and Tessa, a small town in Tennessee. When it came time to plan their wedding, they both wanted to have a setting that matched the rustic, outdoorsy feel of their roots. They discovered that at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The picturesque view of the green fields and plank fences captured that rustic feel they were looking for. Plus, they liked that there were several options within the park where they could hold the ceremony, with adequate accommodations for the bridesmaids, groomsmen, and family members. The happy couple set the date for June 4, 2016 and began planning their big day.

“The staff at the horse park was easy to work with and genuinely concerned with making our day special,” said Tessa. “They were easy to communicate with and extremely helpful with set-up the day before and the day of the wedding.” Plus, the staff was right there to help when it started to look like rain. They offered several solutions, including an alternative, indoor setting.

Today, the Masons would be quick to recommend the Kentucky Horse Park to those planning a wedding. “There are so many intangibles that come with the property including the history, mature trees & barns, and the horses. The trees and view at the Man o’ War statue were an easy sell when we were making our decision.”
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11:00 am Parade of Breeds Show
11:45 am Draft Horse Demonstration
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2:00 pm Parade of Breeds Show
2:45 pm Groom and Shine
3:00 pm Horse Drawn Trolley
3:30 pm Horse Feeding and Turn Out

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November 5, 2017 through March 13, 2018

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Nursery Stud Farm Manager, Elizabeth Kane, unknowingly created one of the most important entries in all of thoroughbred racing history when she recorded the birth of a large chestnut foal on the evening of March 29th, 1917. As 2017 marks the 100th birthday year of the great American racehorse, Man o’ War, one of the most repeated questions is, “What made Man o’ War so great?”

Quite a question to contemplate given the breadth of accomplishments by this one Big Red horse. And while his stride is yet unmatched, and his racing career extraordinary, it is his pedigree that gave rise to his greatness from the start. Without good breeding Man o’ War may have just been another mediocre Thoroughbred. But he was bred with intention by one August Belmont II and sacrificed by him, somewhat unwillingly, in the wake of our great country at war.

Man o’ War’s dam Mahubah, named from an Arabic greeting meaning “May good things be with you”, was paired with his sire Fair Play. August Belmont chose well for this match as Fair Play was known to have a boisterous spirit and, paired with Mahubah’s calmer disposition, could produce quite the balanced foal. All in all, Mahubah produced five foals from Fair Play and was dubbed Fair Play’s ‘wife’ because she was not bred to any other sire. (A sweet tribute to the pair is their burial together at Elmendorf Farm in Lexington, KY.) Her second foal, a chestnut colt that resembled his sire, was Man o’ War.

Born just before midnight on March 29th, 1917 it was noted, “Mahubah foaled fine chestnut colt” in a telegram to August Belmont II. Above is the foaling ledger in which farm manager, Kane, recorded the birth of Man o’ War. It reads, “Mch 29th 1917 – Mahubah foaled ch colt – by Fair Play. Star narrow [broken] stripe from right of star down center of nose. Height 42, Girth 33.”

So what made Man o’ War great? Considered tall for a new foal, his height and girth is said to have lent to his amazing heart and lung capacity. But without a doubt, his pedigree contributed to his greatness, and is recorded here upon his first introduction to the world 100 years ago.
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