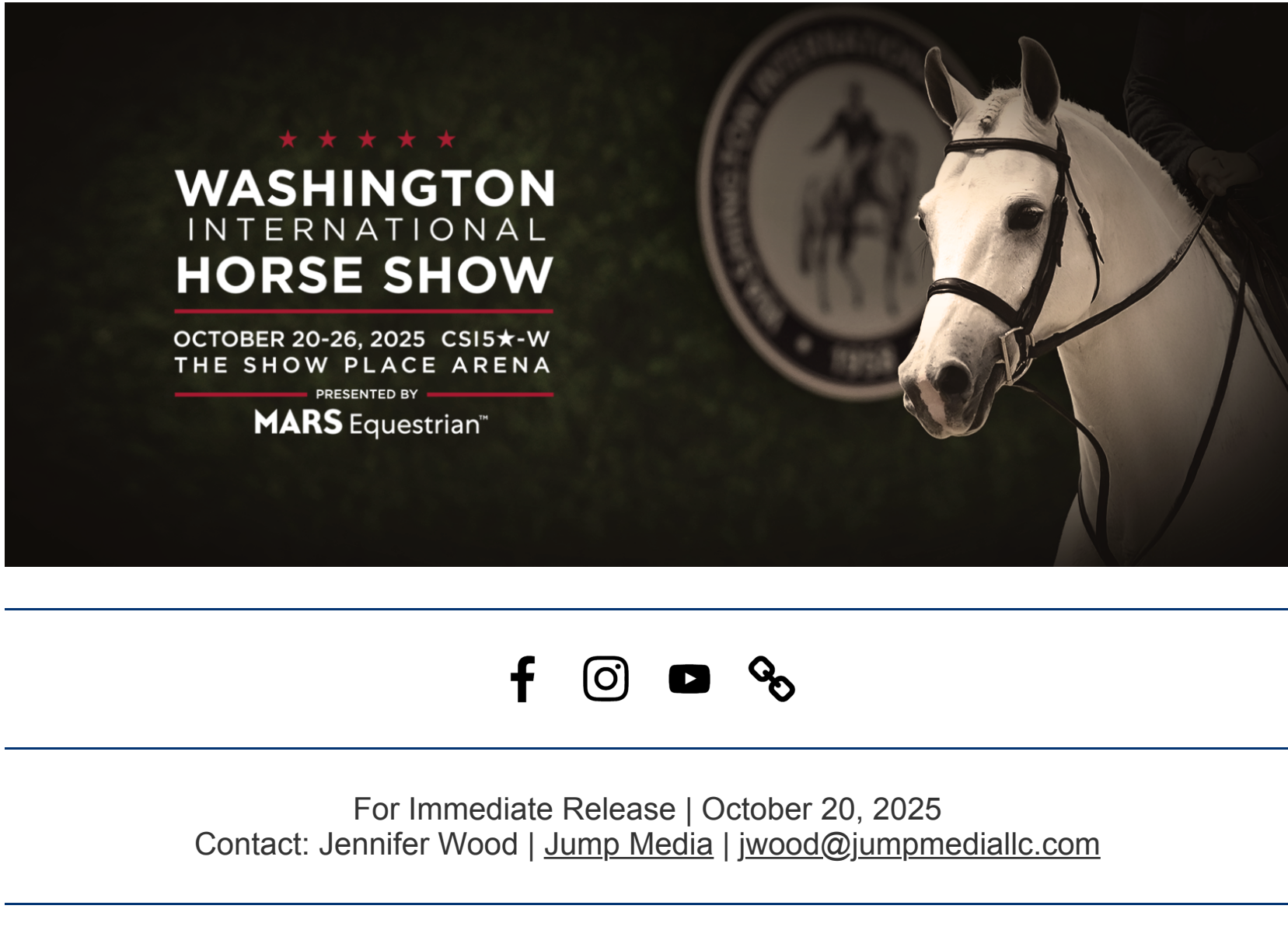




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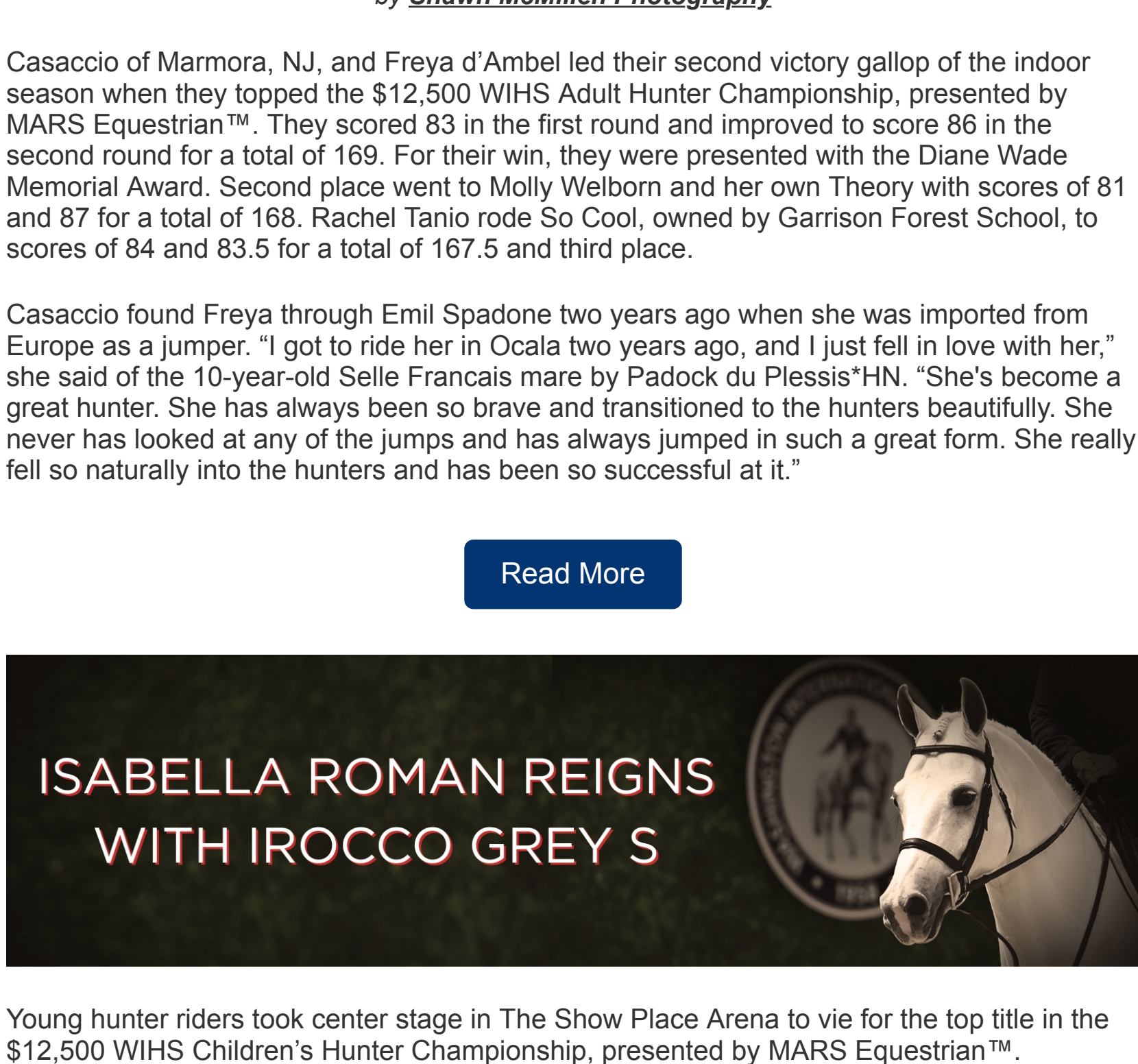
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CASACCIO CONTINUES WINNING TREND

Upper Marlboro, MD –The 2025 Washington International Horse Show, presented by MARS Equestrian™ opened competition on Monday, October 20, with the WIHS Children's and Adult Hunter Championships, presented by MARS Equestrian™. Isabella Roman rode Irocco Grey S, owned by Carolex Stables, LLC, to victory in the \$12,500 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship, while Kendal Casaccio and her own Freya d'Ambel finished first in the \$12,500 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship.



Kendal Casaccio rode Freya d'Ambel to their second championship win in the indoor season. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Casaccio of Marmora, NJ, and Freya d'Ambel led their second victory gallop of the indoor season when they topped the \$12,500 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship, presented by MARS Equestrian™. They scored 83 in the first round and improved to score 86 in the second round for a total of 169. For their win, they were presented with the Diane Wade Memorial Award. Second place went to Molly Welborn and her own Theory with scores of 81 and 87 for a total of 168. Rachel Tanio rode So Cool, owned by Garrison Forest School, to scores of 84 and 83.5 for a total of 167.5 and third place.

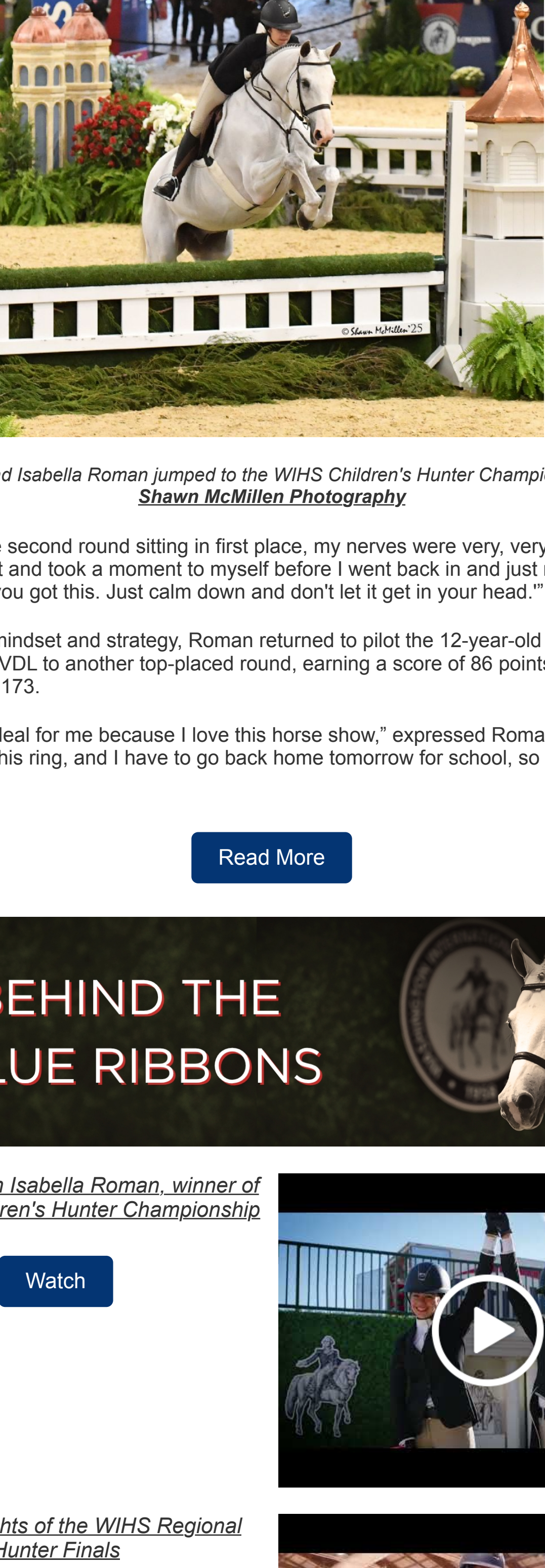
Casaccio found Freya through Emil Spadone two years ago when she was imported from Europe as a jumper. "I got to ride her in Ocala two years ago, and I just fell in love with her," she said of the 10-year-old Selle Francaise mare by Padock du Plessis*HN. "She's become a great hunter. She has always been so brave and transitioned to the hunters beautifully. She never has looked at any of the jumps and has always jumped in such a great form. She really fell so naturally into the hunters and has been so successful at it."

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ISABELLA ROMAN REIGNS WITH IROCCO GREY S

Young hunter riders took center stage in The Show Place Arena to vie for the top title in the \$12,500 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship, presented by MARS Equestrian™. Following two rounds of competition, Isabella Roman of Wellington, FL, emerged victorious with the Carolex Stables, LLC's Irocco Grey S.

Under the careful watch of judges Shane George and Keri Kampsen, all combinations contested the first-round track before the top 12 highest-placed entries returned for round two. Roman's opening round left an impression on the judges, and she sat in the pinnacle position with a score of 87.



Irocco Grey S and Isabella Roman jumped to the WIHS Children's Hunter Championship. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"Coming into the second round sitting in first place, my nerves were very, very high," Roman admitted. "I went and took a moment to myself before I went back in and just reminded myself, 'It's ok, you got this. Just calm down and don't let it get in your head.'"

With a winning mindset and strategy, Roman returned to pilot the 12-year-old KWPN gelding by Zirocco Blue VDL to another top-placed round, earning a score of 86 points to secure the win on a total of 173.

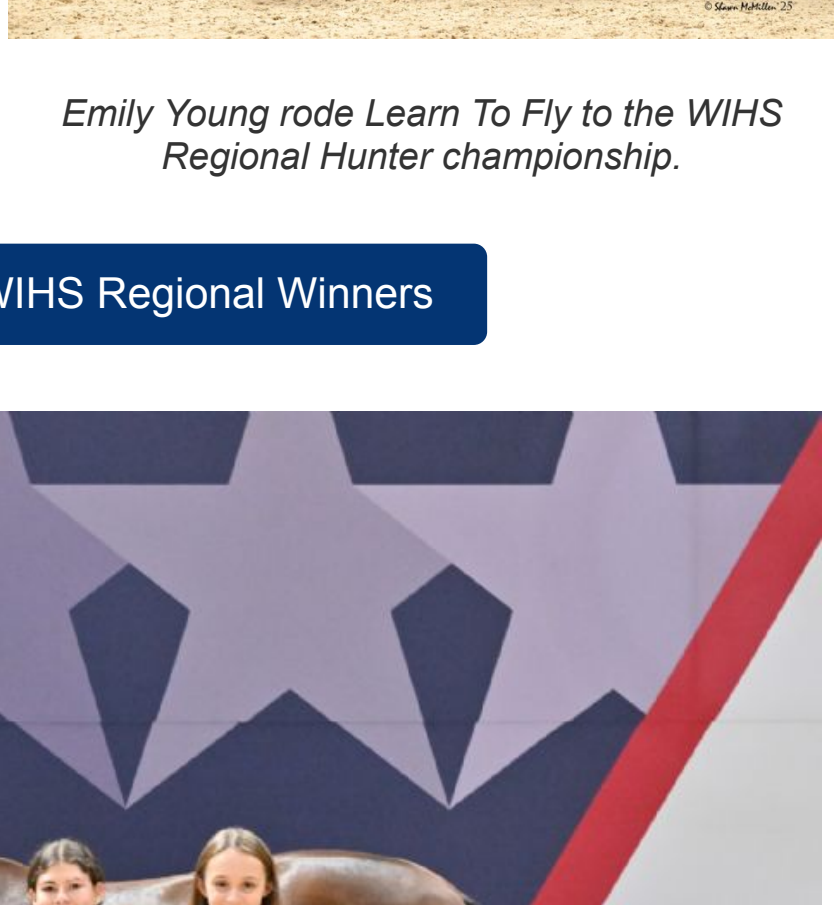
"This is a huge deal for me because I love this horse show," expressed Roman. "I couldn't wait to show in this ring, and I have to go back home tomorrow for school, so this means a lot."

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Hear more from [Isabella Roman](#), winner of the [WIHS Children's Hunter Championship](#)

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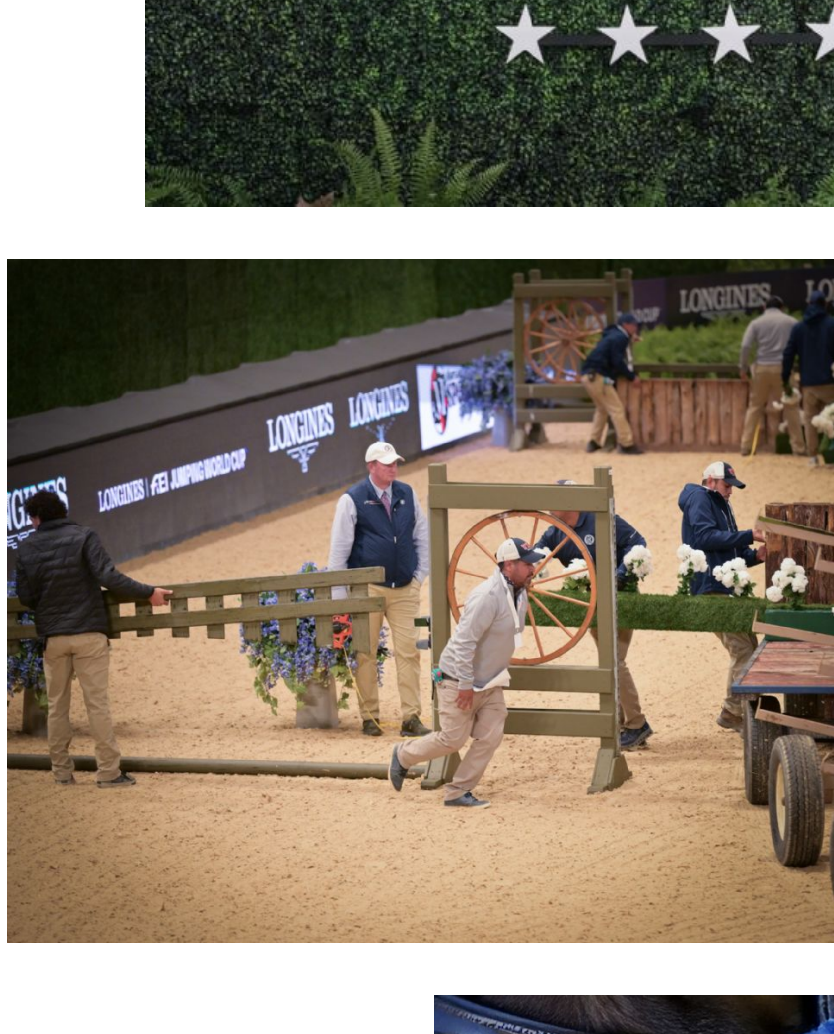
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Hailey Swann rode Gochu in their first indoor competition to win the WIHS Regional Hunter Championship.



Robert Caputo made his last show on All Star winning one in the WIHS Regional Pony Hunter Final.

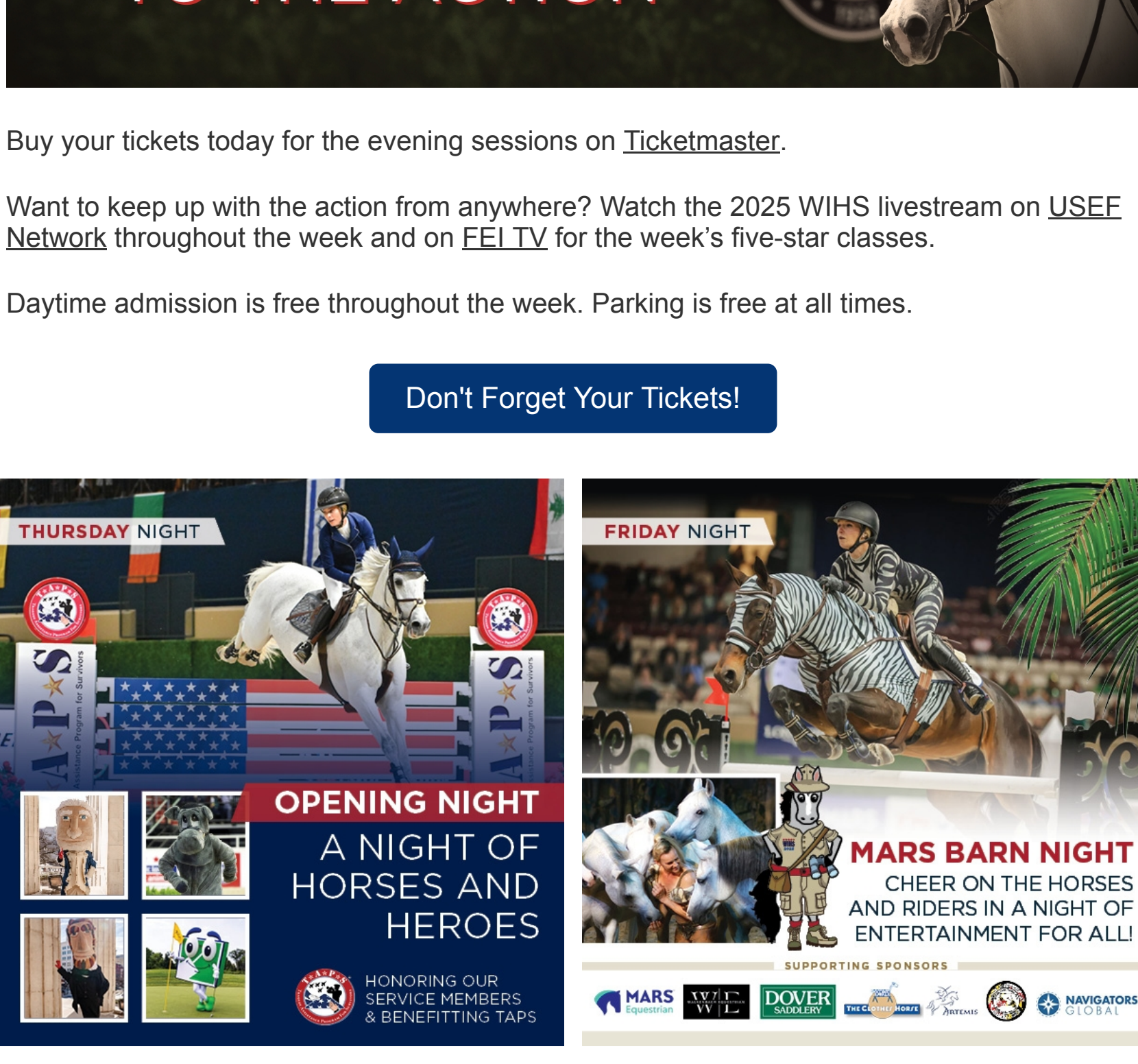


Kinley McAvoy and Brighton Heartbreaker were the WIHS Regional Pony Hunter champions.



Emily Young rode Learn To Fly to the WIHS Regional Hunter championship.

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Laena Romond and Forsini, owned by Lexi Maounis, won four classes on the opening day.

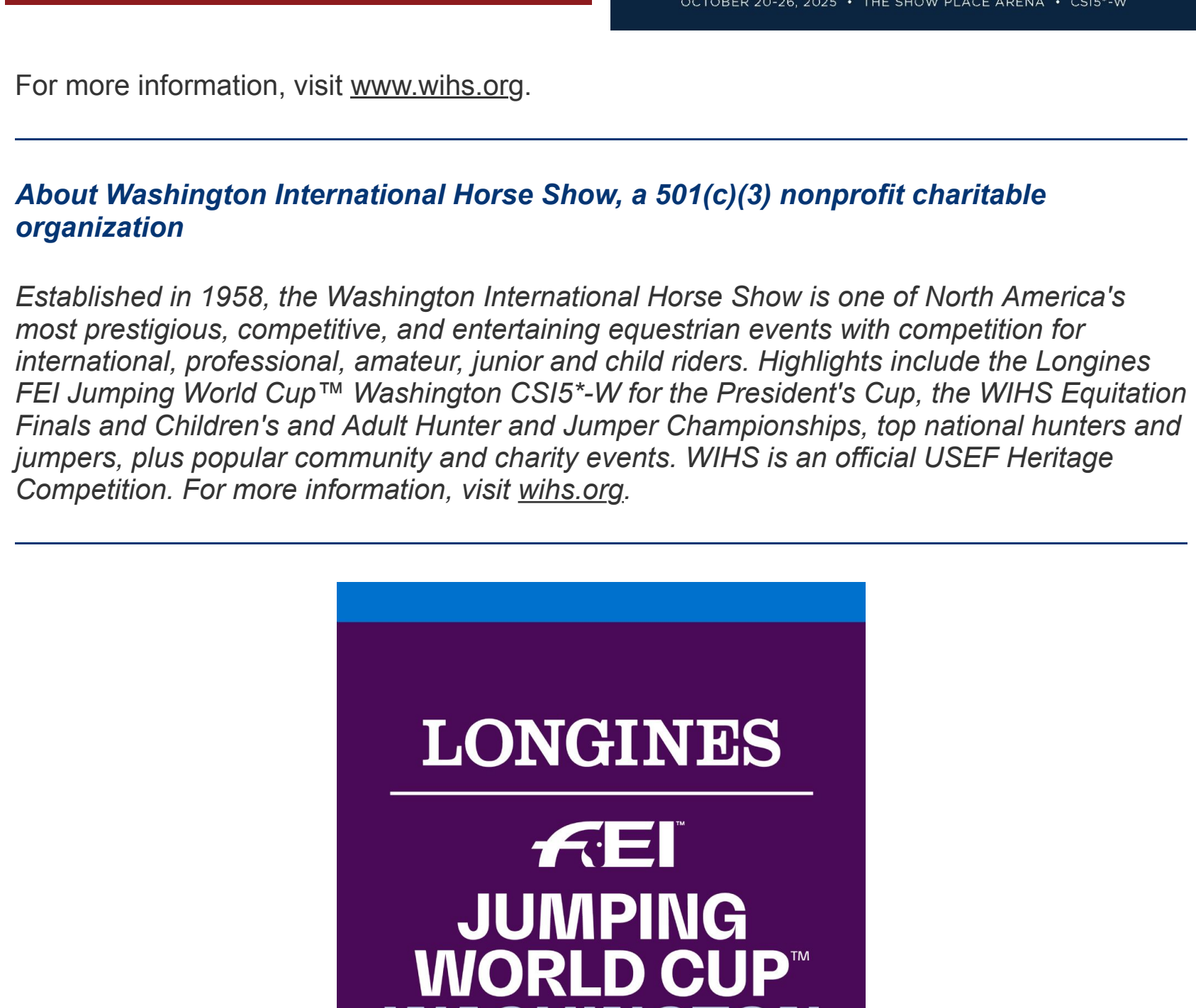
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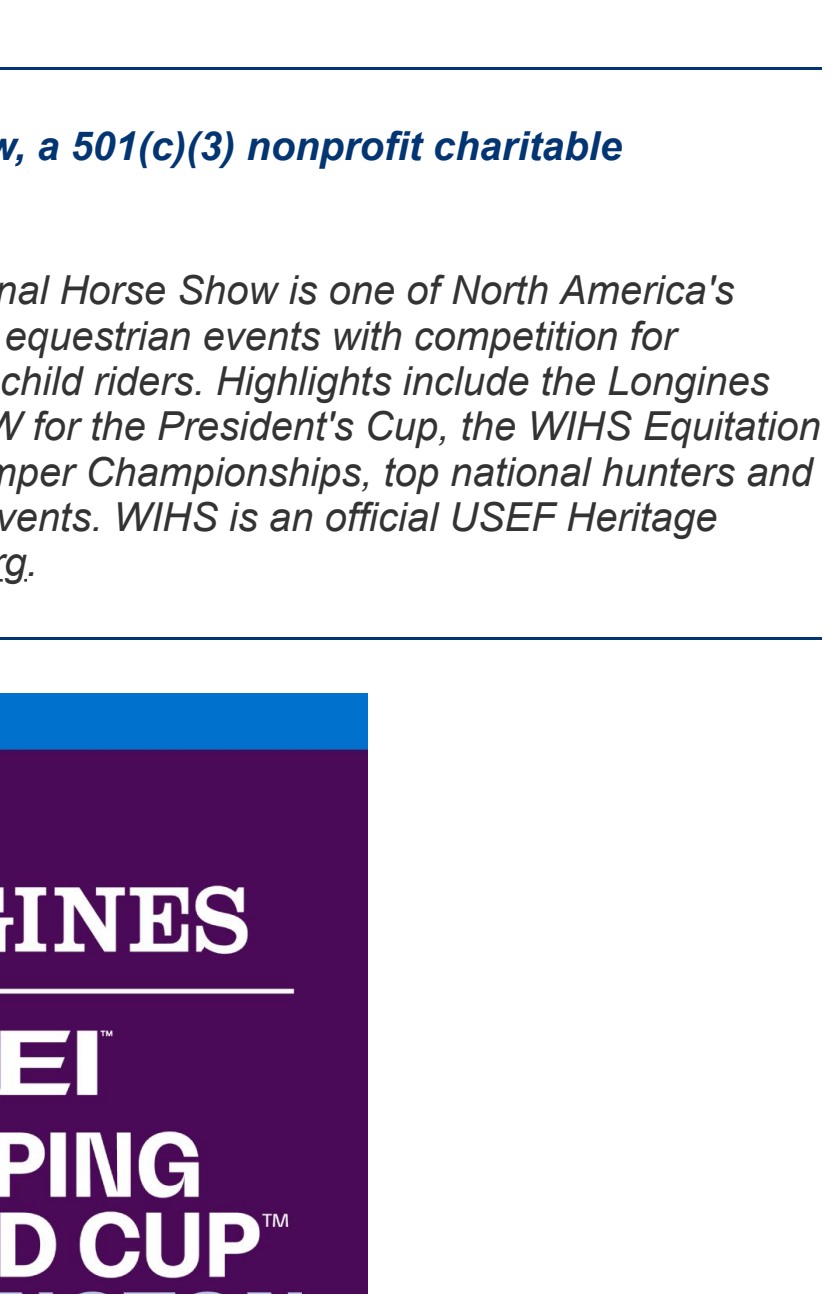
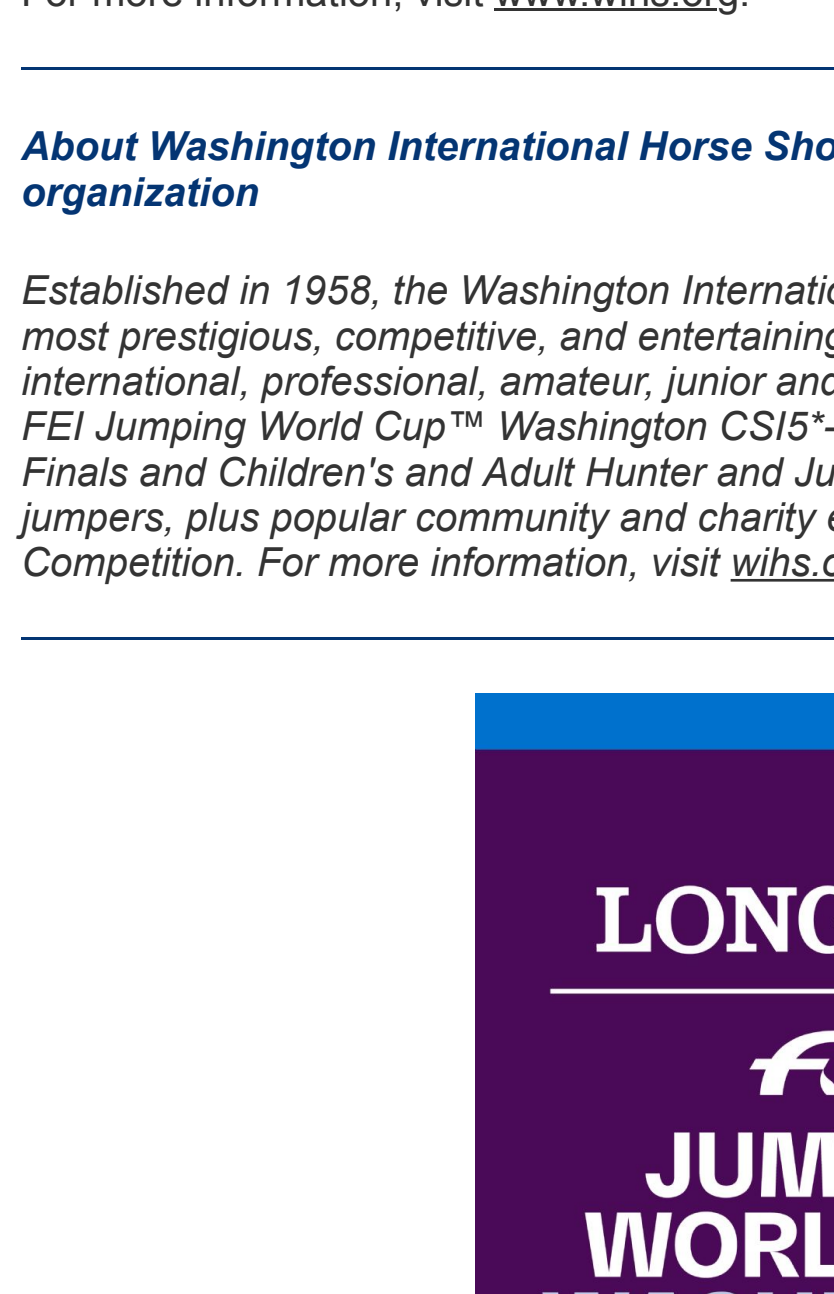
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