Over the weekend of July 13th & 14th, there will be activities throughout town centered around Battell, and culminates in a bluegrass concert on the lawn of the Morgan Horse Farm.

Emma greatly enjoyed her internship experience in Weybridge, describing this service-based learning project as an exciting resume-builder. The MHF team is working to develop more educational opportunities for UVM students outside of Animal Science.

Current Apprentice Mia Kawaida drying off a newborn foal in April of this year.

Apprentice Alumnae Hannah Bevilacqua riding UVM Valedictorian in Weybridge fall 2018.

2019 Equine Reproduction Workshop was a success with UVM & VTC students, in addition to several “civilian” horse owners from the public.

Summer Highlights!

• The Main Barn lobby and gift shop renovations are complete—be sure to plan your visit this summer.

• 7 UVM foals are on the ground and will be on display each Saturday in June for Foal Days.

• The May/June Yankee Magazine Travel edition featured the MHF, be sure to visit the farm’s website to read this and other exciting updates.

UVM Benevolence is the 2019 Raffle Filly! She is Otter Brook Xenophon’s last foal and is out of UVM Madeleine, and was born in April this year. Call the farm to purchase tickets.

New face on the Farm

This spring the Morgan Horse Farm welcome Dylan Burguard into the new Equine and Academic Coordinator position. This role evolved from the Equine Specialist position, and is focused on developing academic opportunities in Weybridge, alongside the traditional equine management responsibilities.
Dylan is a graduate of Michigan State University and their equine program, and brings with her experience managing the apprenticeship at Friesian’s of Majesty. Since Dylan started this spring, she has done a fantastic job developing the curriculum and promoting the MHF Apprenticeship and Internship, and the summer season is starting with a full roster of 4 apprentices and a wait list. Dylan will also work with farm staff and community partners to increase educational opportunities for elementary and high school age visitors, and the general public.

**New and Improved Visitor Experience**

Thanks to the Manton Foundation’s pivotal grant award in 2018, the main barn visitor area has received much-needed renovation. The two bathrooms are now ADA compliant, the lobby has a new heritage exhibit and a spectacular fresh coat of paint, and the gift shop has expanded into the movie room. Not readily visible but critically important was the installation of smoke detectors and emergency lighting. The next phase of work will focus on Main Barn roof & cupola repairs, and ceiling repairs in the lower level. Stay tuned for more updates.

**Notes From the Farm**

A beautiful sight: broodmares enjoying spring grass in the newly-replaced fencing in the south pasture, thanks to a generous investment from the University. The Remount pasture north of the farm will be redone this summer, and the team is developing plans for the pastures on the west side of Morgan Horse Farm road.

**Battell Weekend- New Community Event!**

This past spring, Community Development and Applied Economics Senior Emma Dunne completed a 3 credit internship at the Morgan Horse Farm, working alongside Operations Coordinator Margot Smithson on a new community event, Battell Weekend.

This is a community collaboration event that celebrates the shared heritage of Joseph Battell, original proprietor of the Morgan Horse Farm.