



# NEWSLETTER

## MICHIGAN EQUINE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL STALLION SEASON AUCTION ALL BREED

### Mission:

Through an energized, broad based, grassroots coalition representing all facets of the equine industry, the Michigan Equine Partnership (MEP) is committed to increasing the public awareness and support, influencing public policy to strengthen the industry, and heightening recognition of the economic opportunities and value of the Michigan equine industry.

### Vision:

A leader, partner, and the voice of the Michigan equine industry.

### Philosophy:

Provide leadership through commitment, empowerment and accountability. Build partnerships with respect, trust, cooperation and respond to the needs of the equine industry with information, assessment, innovation, communication and coordination of services.

### Value:

A proud non-profit organization of advocacy through integrity, collaboration and member driven cooperative spirit.



*Fire Blitz*

*Through Thursday January 11, 2007*

[www.miequine.com](http://www.miequine.com)

COMPLETE STALLION LISTING

[www.miequine.com](http://www.miequine.com)

Telephone and Internet bidding accepted until January 11, 2007 @ 517-372-1500

All bidding ends at 4:00 P.M.

PROCEEDS TO MICHIGAN EQUINE PARTNERSHIP

501 C-6 non-profit Equine Organization

INFORMATION: Michigan Equine Partnership 517-372-1500

The Michigan Equine Partnership, Annual All-Breed Stallion Access Auction with online and telephone bidding available, is underway until January 11, 2007 closing promptly at 4 p.m. You can place your bids by calling (517) 372-1500 or online at [www.miequine.com](http://www.miequine.com). In the case of competing bids at the conclusion, a conference call will determine the highest bidder.

A complete list of stallions will soon be available on the web site or by calling the office. We invite all interested equine breeders, owners and stallion donors to look at the website. This is an all-breed auction. All the proceeds from the auction will benefit the continued public awareness, public policy issues and the complete mission of Michigan Equine Partnership.

We encourage you to consider a donation of your stallion access to this great cause that was such a success in 2006. The advertising of the stallions and your farm covers not only Michigan but national magazines and publications as well. Those donating their stallion for access will receive a complimentary one-year membership in MEP.

MEP is excited to conduct this auction and eagerly awaits the results and opportunities for Michigan's entire equine industry. We appreciate your support of our organization and look forward to your participation in the 2007 Stallion Auction!

Thank you for your attention to this very important fundraiser.

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

- \* C.A.N.T.E.R.
- \* Equine World Insurance
- \* Int'l Draft Horse Association
- \* M.T.O.B.A.
- \* Campbell Farms
- Jerry & Lisa Campbell
- \* Tom Cole
- \* Larry Julian
- \* Mast Thoroughbreds
- Henry Mast
- \* Val Vail-Shirey
- \* Horsemen's Benevolent & Protection Association
- \* Great Lakes Downs, Muskegon

## BOARD MEMBERS

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## MICHIGAN EQUINE PAC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Michigan Equine Political Action Committee has been busy with questionnaires sent to candidates and making endorsements on behalf of MEPAC membership. MEPAC is asking all interested in equine to consider making a contribution to MEPAC, which is utilized in getting our message out to the new Legislature.



The policy makers in Michigan deserve to understand the economic, tourism and agricultural value to this state of the equine industry. Please send in your contribution to MEPAC, up to \$500.00 to the office along with name, address, and occupation. Personal Checks Only Please.

## EQUINE FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

President Kim Fricke on October 17, 2006 appointed a committee to prepare, finalize and send out the request for proposals to consulting agencies to conduct the independent study for a Michigan International Equine Facility. Val Vail-Shirey has been named Chair of the committee.

### PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!

If you are interested in being appointed to assist in this committee work, please contact the office at 517-372-1500 or email [val@miequine.com](mailto:val@miequine.com) and let us know of your interest. Once the proposals and bids are returned, the committee will make recommendation to the Board of Directors on the agency to hire to complete this extremely important study for Michigan Equine. This study is possible through a U.S.D.A. Rural Development grant with the results due in final report form by June 1, 2007.



*USDA Director Gene DeRossett*

### FOR YOUR INTEREST

Friends of the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center Fall Picnic

Sunday, October 29, 2006

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At the MSU HTRC on Collins Road in East Lansing.

Anyone supportive of the horse program at MSU HTRC is welcome to attend and is invited to become a member. Anyone wishing to attend MUST RSVP no later than Monday, October 23, 2006.

Call (517) 355-7484 to RSVP.



## EQUINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10 - 12	Novi Expo	Novi
November 18 - 19	Annual Holistic Health Fair for Horse & Rider	Eaton Rapids
November 21	MEP Monthly Board Meeting	MSU
January 11, 2007	MEP Stallion Season Auction	Web/Phone Bidding
Spring 2007	MEP Annual Meeting and Election	

If your organization has an event or meeting please let us know and we will post in the newsletter and on the Web Site.

## MICHIGAN EQUINE PARTNERSHIP WANTS YOU!

There are so many ways to become involved in MEP, from joining, seeking others to join, volunteering for committee assignment, working as a County Ambassador, working our booth at many events we attend, serving on the board, telling family and friends what MEP is all about and the results that we are obtaining. The wrong way to go is to be complacent. We will succeed in furthering the voice of equine across the state and with policy makers in Michigan. This can only be accomplished in numbers and strong leadership voices. Please contact the office by phone or email and we can assist you in participation choices. We count on each and every equine interest to promote our industry across this great state. Do not wait, call today!



## DENTAL REMINDER

*By Dr. Gibbons, DVM, Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic*

As I watch the early snow of October hitting the ground, I am reminded that this is a good time to have your horses teeth checked. I am sure most horse owners are aware that poor dental health can lead to serious problems even in healthy horses. Geriatric horses are at even higher risk than young or middle aged horses.

A horses teeth continually grow during their lifetime, an adaptation that allows them to eat their lives away as we all know they will (The end product of which ends up in our wheel barrows and pastures). Over time, due to irregular wear, the teeth may form sharp edges or hooks on the sides, or ramps to the front or back of the teeth. This irregular wear leads to inefficient grinding of food. This in turn can lead to poor digestion and poor absorption of energy and nutrients and eventually weight loss. This can be lethal in an older horse and can even affect performance in our athletic show and race horses.



Lucky for horses we humans are here to protect and save them.

Today Veterinarians have a huge tool box to solve these problems. Here is what to expect when your horses teeth need to be floated. First, expect tranquilizer. In order to do a good examination and file the teeth down adequately tranquilizer will most likely be necessary. Second, expect power tools and bright lights. The days of hand filing are just about gone, except for the most minimal of jobs. Today there are several different kinds of power tools that will file down sharp points and ramps quickly and efficiently and leave your horses teeth just about perfect.

So before the temperature gets below freezing permanently, set up an appointment to have your horses teeth checked.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Does your organization have events you would like posted in our publications and website? Please submit the event, date, times, and contact information to [val@miequine.com](mailto:val@miequine.com).

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# *First Annual All Michigan Holistic Health Fair for Horse & Rider.*

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**November 18 & 19, 2006**

**Location:**

Nature's Rehab, LLC  
12654 Kimler Road  
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827



**Event Details:**

Learn about the latest holistic therapies for horse and rider. Have your horse evaluated, compare and contrast various types of therapies available.

Leading Michigan horse professionals including equine massage therapists, equine chiropractor, equine dentist, human massage therapist, saddle fitter, nutritional experts and local businesses.

*An early Christmas  
gift for your favorite  
horse & rider!*

**Contact:**

Anke at (517)881-0262 or Lisa at (248)921-6322 for information and reservations for the event.

[www.naturesrehab.com](http://www.naturesrehab.com)

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