NEWSLETTER

October 2016

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 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.

Founding Members

MGLI-International Draft



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Hello Greetings!,

On behalf of the Michigan Equine Partnership, I want to thank those of you that attended our annual meeting on June 16 at Albion College. We had a great meeting with Albion equine leadership, Albion College President and CFO Jerry White, followed by our annual business meeting. MEP's discussions with Albion continue to move forward to bring an International Equine Facility to Michigan.

MEP has been successful with recent legislation and we are determining our goals for the 2017-2018 legislative session.

Horse Association

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Tom Cole

Larry Julian

Mast Thoroughbreds
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Val Vail-Shirey

Horsemen's Benevolence & Protective Association

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Equine World Insurance

Great Lakes Downs, Muskegon



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Contact Val@julianvail.com for

Please communicate with the MEP office if you have issues of interest or would like to work with the legislative committee.

And as always, we must be diligent about preventative health care for our equine friends. Vaccinations against Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus are imperative, and practicing good bio-security is a must for healthy animals and offspring.

Sincerely,

Aaron Rice

President
Michigan Equine Partnership

MGLI Show Offers Unique Equestrian Experience for Exhibitors and Spectators.

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show (MGLI).

Heralded as North America's largest annual draft horse event, this year promises another exciting show. Running October 13-16 at the Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing, MI.

This 4 day show, an All American Class A Show, features draft breeds such as Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires and even Mules performing in various events from halter, hitching, plowing and pulling and riding classes. Over 1,200 horses and mules travel from around the USA and Canada to compete in this prestigious annual event.

Be sure not to miss the very popular All Breed Eight-Horse Hitch class during the Evening classes on Saturday Oct 15 starting at 5pm. Come early, as the stands are packed for this awesome spectacle. Just imagine the arena filled with eight-horse hitches thundering in step down the rail in spotless wagons, mane rosettes flowing and the crowd cheering them on! It really is a thrilling experience.

This year also ads new classes for the elegant and massive Shire breed as well as higher premiums and payouts for many other classes.

In addition to the many classes offered at the show there are tons of commercial exhibits filling the pavilion with unique equestrian themed items, gifts and breed association representatives.

Visit www.mgli.org for more details.

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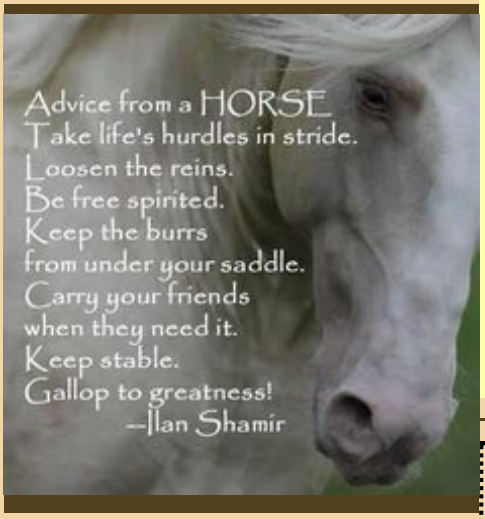




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Congratulations to Albion College!



Albion College has recently added to their Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center with a brand new 150' x 420' indoor riding arena. The college has already held it's first show in the new facility and plans are underway for hosting more events in the future. For more information visit their website.

Michigan Horse Park Update:

Your MEP Executive Committee has been continuing to work on efforts for bringing to Michigan a World Class Equestrian Facility. Site selection decisions are still underway and fundraising efforts will begin shortly. MEP realizes that an effort of this magnitude will be a multi-year project and we are so excited for the journey ahead. Please stay tuned for continued updates and visit our website at www.miequine.com for more information.



West Nile Virus (WNV)

For Immediate Release: MDARD
http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_48097_68355---,00.html

Latest News: On October 10, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development was notified of a confirmed case of West Nile virus (WNV). This is Michigan's first reported case of WNV in equine for 2016. The affected horse is a five-month old filly in Calhoun County. On October 2, the filly began to develop signs of illness, including stumbling and lethargy. The unvaccinated filly is responding to treatment. The dam was vaccinated against WNV two weeks after foaling, and the filly is not yet weaned.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is caused by a virus that primarily infects and multiplies in birds, which serve as reservoirs for the virus. The virus is spread between birds through the bite of an infected mosquito. Like EEE, WNV requires a bite from an infected mosquito and cannot be transmitted directly from infected horses to other horses or humans. Mosquitoes can spread the disease to humans and other animals, including horses. Mosquito precautions for horses are recommended and horses should be annually vaccinated against the disease. Taking steps to prevent standing water where mosquitoes can breed, such as by frequently changing the water in bird baths, planter trays, and animal water bowls/troughs, as well as removing old tires and filling



puddles, is also advised.

- More information on West Nile Virus in horses and other WNV threats
- MI WNV Reported Case Maps by Year
- Yearly National West Nile Virus Statistics
- For more information, please visit the USDA's West Nile Virus Case Information.

If you have any further questions on anything listed above, or any reportable equidae disease, please call:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Animal Industry Division

1-800-292-3939

For more information on this and other reportable equine diseases please visit Equine Diseases in Michigan.

2016 Membership Application



You know you want to be an active participant in the Michigan Equine Partnership.

Be sure to Click Here for the membership application!



Photos wanted!

Do you have any horse related photos you would like to share with MEP? We are always looking for new photos to use in newsletters, on the website and in other MEP projects. What would be better than to use photos from our very own Michigan horse family!

If you have any photos you would like to share with us please send them to kristinag43@gmail.com with "Horse Photos" in the subject line.