

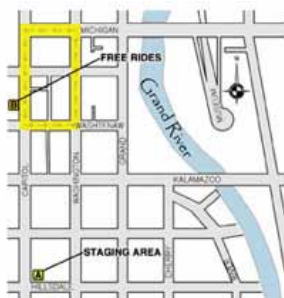


The Latest Buzz

A Horse of Course!

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One of my favorite things about being in Greater Lansing and being home to Michigan State University is our rich agricultural heritage and because of it, great access to animals of all kinds. Of course this means we have animals of many breeds around campus (yes, this includes party animals) but because we are MSU, we even get cool animals that come and visit. One of the best examples of this is the Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show & Pull coming to the MSU Agricultural Pavilion this October 13-16, 2011. Over 1,000 draft horses will be on-scene and showing off their very best. What you may not know is, this is the biggest draft horse competition in North America with teams from all over the US and Canada featuring Colossal Clydesdales, Bulging Belgians, Spectacular Shires, Perfect Percherons and Magnificent Mules! Yes, you heard right, magnificent mules! Hey, this isn't just a beauty contest! These animals are also being judged on strength (among other things!). These amazing animals pull thousands of pounds and you've simply got to see it to believe it.



To help promote the event at the Pavilion, several multi-horse hitches will parade around downtown Lansing during lunch time (11:30 to 1:30) on the preceding Wednesday, October 12th! A map of the route is shown here. During this cool parade people out and about downtown can get a glimpse of these magnificent animals AND lunch specials/dining discounts at restaurants on Washington Square thanks to a partnership by Downtown Lansing Inc., the City of Lansing, Lake Trust Credit Union and the Greater Lansing CVB. While you grab a sandwich and a Coke be sure to stay to see Mayor Virg Bernero ride shotgun on the lead team along with organizing members of the Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull. But wait! It doesn't stop there - the Mayor doesn't get to have all the fun! **Come to this awesome horse parade downtown and get a free ride for yourself!** For a

fun free ride, head to the State Capitol Building.

This is a really cool event and these horses are amazing. When you see how strong they are, it sure is clear how in days long ago this country became what it is thanks to the sweat of these animals and the hard working people that care for them. Check out the parade on Wednesday (stay-at-home parents, bring your little ones