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Indiana Stallion Station is back on its feet thanks to some key help

BY LENNY SHULMAN

year ago, in April 2010, a fire swept through a broodmare barn at Indiana Stallion Station, and despite the valiant efforts of the farm's staff, more than a dozen horse perished, including some broodmares with their newborn foals. In the tragedy's aftermath, owner Joyce Baker was uncertain if the operation could recover from the physical damage or, more importantly, the emotional trauma that results from such a horrific event.

The answer began to appear the following day in the Anderson *Herald Bulletin*, a daily newspaper serving the community of 60,000 just northeast of Indianapolis. Reader after reader penned notes of sympathy to the farm, many in the form of personal notes to Joyce and her staff, who are well-known in the community not just for the horse farm, but for their involvement in the local 4-H chapter and for giving riding lessons and a variety of other community-based activities.

A few months after the fire Maria Vorhauer, farm manager at Gayle Gerth's Dana Point Farm in Pennsylvania, added an unexpected helping hand to the Indiana farm's recovery process. Perusing websites as she researched the Hoosier State's new owners and breeders incentive programs that had sprung up from Indiana's approval of alternative gaming at racetracks, something about Indiana Stallion Station caught Vorhauer's eye. She and Gerth decided that was the place for two prominent stallions owned by Dana Point—Action This Day and Domestic Dispute—who now stand at Baker's refurbished facility near Anderson and are leading a renaissance for Indiana Stallion Station that seemed out of reach in the charred rubble of a year ago.



Left to right, Indiana Stallion Station's Steve Rushton, Joyce Baker, Lee Whiteman, and Lori Whiteman

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| 1 | DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station | \$2,000 | 64/20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Weeper, \$66,340) | \$429,713 | *266 | 1 | 0.93 | 1.25 |
| 2 | SPANISH STEPS (01, Unbridled), Foot Fall Farm | \$2,000 | 39/12 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Little Mike, \$156,000) | \$347,918 | 168 | 3 | 1.06 | 1.39 |
| 3 | CHIEF SEATTLE (97, Seattle Slew), Lake Shore Farm | \$2,500 | 53/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Chiefette, \$72,370) | \$328,756 | *380 | 10 | 1.21 | 1.35 |
| 4 | KELA (98, Numerous), Foot Fall Farm | \$2,500 | 31/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (All Around Fancy, \$52,800) | \$288,992 | *158 | 0 | 0.97 | 1.09 |
| 5 | DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister), Swifty Farms | \$2,000 | 42/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lindsay's Point, \$36,900) | \$280,403 | *196 | 0 | 0.95 | 0.98 |
| 6 | CAT DREAMS (01, Storm Cat), Still Creek Farm | \$2,000 | 20/5 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Caracortado, \$225,000) | \$274,534 | 101 | 1 | 0.90 | 0.99 |
| 7 | MAX'S PAL (97, Marquetry), Indiana Stallion Station | \$1,500 | 27/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bella Moneta, \$93,410) | \$261,815 | 134 | 4 | 0.98 | 0.94 |
| 8 | LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (01, Storm Cat), Midwest Equine & Vet Hospital | \$2,000 | 41/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Feel That Fire, \$54,000) | \$211,567 | 166 | 5 | 0.96 | 1.15 |
| 9 | ACTION THIS DAY (01, Kris S.), Indiana Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 49/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Afternoon Action, \$26,860) | \$185,839 | 218 | 1 | 0.67 | 1.34 |
| 10 | DREWMAN (98, Unbridled), Breakway Farm | \$1,500 | 47/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Too Experience, \$45,000) | \$174,790 | 202 | 3 | 0.89 | 1.28 |
| 11 | ZAVATA (00, Phone Trick), Foot Fall Farm | \$2,500 | 50/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Flea Hop, \$24,660) | \$150,533 | *214 | 3 | 1.06 | 1.13 |
| 12 | JACKPOT (98, Seeking the Gold) | N/A | 11/6 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Irenes Jackpot, \$29,200) | \$81,939 | 50 | 1 | 0.57 | 1.25 |
| 13 | HIGH FLY (02, Atticus), WinRich Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 11/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Flyingwiththebeat, \$23,000) | \$73,787 | 41 | 0 | 1.04 | 2.08 |
| 14 | ARROMANCHES (93, Relaunch), Buckshot Stables | \$1,000 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Caixa Eletronica, \$71,180) | \$73,217 | 60 | 0 | 1.22 | 0.59 |
| 15 | CENTURY CITY (IRE) (99, Danzig), Breakway Farm | \$2,500 | 13/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dial Kyle, \$42,000) | \$65,704 | *144 | 0 | 0.59 | 1.38 |
| 16 | WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm | \$3,000 | 17/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Paster's Bad Habit, \$27,976) | \$56,487 | *468 | 12 | 0.80 | 1.11 |
| 17 | ALYSWEEP (00, End Sweep), Indiana Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Memory Motel, \$17,700) | \$51,087 | *45 | 0 | 0.40 | 1.04 |
| 18 | MANCINI (98, Mr. Prospector), Lake Shore Farm | \$4,000 | 19/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kentucky Peaches, \$12,316) | \$45,018 | *124 | 3 | 0.81 | 0.92 |
| 19 | LEELANAU (99, Carson City), Still Creek Farm | \$1,000 | 13/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Karma Theory, \$8,800) | \$28,051 | 111 | 0 | 0.47 | 0.88 |
| 20 | BUCKLE DOWN BEN (98, Devil His Due) | N/A | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Downright Joyous, \$18,160) | \$27,180 | 32 | 0 | 0.46 | 0.81 |

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"The fire was devastating; just awful," said Baker. "But afterward you couldn't even get down the driveway for all the people who came by trying to help and contribute, offering to build fence or whatever. The horse family is a big, wonderful family. It really is."

Baker has been part of that family since she was a young girl growing up in Indiana. She's had horses all her life, showing them in her childhood and being involved in 4-H. She also had an aunt who owned racehorses in Michigan, where Baker would travel as a teenager to assist in the operation.



One of the three barns at Indiana Stallion Station near Anderson

With her then-husband, Baker started what she termed a "serious breeding business" in 1994, dealing mostly with Quarter Horses. Their first stallion, Storys Black Beauty, is still on the farm. When Hoosier Park opened just 10 minutes away from the farm, Baker became involved in Thoroughbreds and, like all of Indiana, has expanded her operation as gaming money began providing lucrative purses and bonuses for state-breds and their owners and breeders

The facility now boasts three barns, including a stallion barn, and the physical and spiritual rebuilding continues. The 72-acre farm includes a training track and homegrown hay for the equine residents. Five staffers work the land and the herd, including Baker's brother, Lee Whiteman, who handles the stallions and farrier work, and Steve Rushton, who oversees the mares.

The racetrack and the enhanced awards made it sensible for Baker to transition to Thoroughbreds. She stood Glitter Code in partnership with Horse Country Stables, and today, in addition to Action This Day and Domestic Dispute, the farm stands Max's Pal, Alysweep, and On Board Again as well as Quarter Horse stallion First Down Leading.

"Each year business has gotten better," said Baker, "and last year it turned over big with some really nice stallions coming to Indiana. I was pretty beat up last year because of the fire when Dana Point called and asked if I'd like to stand Action This Day. It gave me the hope I needed to go on. These stallions are going to be great for Indiana. We're getting calls from Illinois,



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| 1 | SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig), Eagle Valley Farm North | \$3,000 | 25/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Elevator, \$25,596) | \$148,111 | 113 | 1 | 0.97 | 0.79 |
| 2 | UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2006 | 13/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Real Prince, \$18,800) | \$66,217 | 602 | 30 | 1.10 | 1.17 |
| 3 | DENOUNCER (90, Tsunami Slew), High Prairie | Died | 11/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Where's Winston, \$19,710) | \$55,253 | 77 | 2 | 1.03 | 0.93 |
| 4 | CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Hill 'N Dale Farm | \$1,000 | 17/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ice Climber, \$20,550) | \$54,285 | 72 | 0 | 0.74 | 1.01 |
| 5 | CALLER I. D. (89, Phone Trick) | Died, 2006 | 7/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Veiled, \$20,510) | \$52,090 | *517 | 21 | 0.96 | 1.37 |
| 6 | CRYPTO STAR (94, Cryptoclearance), Eagle Valley Farm North | \$2,000 | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Franklin's Philly, \$19,410) | \$47,290 | 177 | 3 | 0.90 | 1.02 |
| 7 | BEN BULBEN (02, Pioneering), Eagle Valley Farm North | \$1,000 | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ballyjamesduff, \$11,960) | \$46,811 | 17 | 0 | 0.86 | 1.09 |
| 8 | CHICAGO SIX (95, Wild Again), Hill 'N Dale Farm | \$1,000 | 15/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dance for Paco, \$20,953) | \$45,885 | *98 | 1 | 0.50 | 0.74 |
| 9 | CHEROKEE RAP (01, Cherokee Run), Wildwood Stables | N/A | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cityrap, \$33,400) | \$43,832 | 37 | 0 | 0.88 | 1.30 |
| 10 | CARTWRIGHT (90, Forty Niner) | Died, 2005 | 18/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (King Ajax, \$23,881) | \$43,271 | *437 | 18 | 0.87 | 0.81 |
| 11 | GOLDMINERS GOLD (93, Crafty Prospector), Southern Illinois Stud | \$1,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Digger Karakorum, \$37,020) | \$41,928 | 120 | 1 | 0.98 | 1.14 |
| 12 | WESTERN OUTLAW (01, Gone West), Jake E. Bryant Farms | \$2,000 | 15/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ridgeway Angel, \$8,064) | \$38,841 | 94 | 1 | 0.53 | 0.78 |
| 13 | CAP'N CAPOTE (01, Capote), Whitebrook Stables | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cap'n Nick, \$26,890) | \$33,980 | 14 | 0 | 0.62 | 0.65 |
| 14 | CLASSIFIED FACTS (93, Seattle Slew) | Died, 2005 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Smarty Mouth, \$17,640) | \$30,907 | 113 | 1 | 1.23 | 0.88 |
| 15 | INDY SNOW (GB) (01, A.P. Indy), Hondo Ranch | N/A | 4/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Costilla Range, \$14,720) | \$30,120 | 25 | 0 | 0.45 | 0.94 |

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Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan on these stallions. They're going to have good, solid books. I feel honored that Dana Point Farm picked me out to send stallions to."

Perhaps it is no big surprise that Dana Point and Indiana Stallion Station would find one another. Gerth and Vorhauer first met at a sale in Saratoga, and two days later they were buying mares in partnership. Gerth, a native of Southern California just getting into the equine business, and Vorhauer, a seasoned horsewoman through her November Hill Farms operation that was a full-service sales prep and consigning operation, built Dana Point Farm together on 60 acres located between Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse and Parx Racing. Clearly, the

human element means much to the two women, and they used that same yardstick in eventually joining forces with Baker.

"A client kept bugging me to look into the Indiana program," said Vorhauer, "and clearly it was lucrative. You have to be enthused about what they've done for breeders there, the purse structure, and the restricted races. So we thought we'd put a stallion out there and see what becomes of it.

"There was just something about Joyce Baker's website, so I contacted her, not knowing about the fire five months before. But I knew after the first time I talked to her that that was the place where we should be. Joyce is very dedicated, and it's a family-oriented business. They're very

honest, hard-working people who had had bad luck. They weren't quite sure whether they were going to rebuild or not, and they needed something to pick their heads up, and I'm glad we were able to do that for them."

Added Gerth, "The most important thing was finding a person we could entrust with our animals, and that's tough. We care so deeply about them that their care must be comparable to Dana Point's standards, and Joyce has the same love and passion and compassion for these animals as we do."

Dana Point first sent Action This Day to Indiana Stallion Station. The son of Kris S.—Najecam, by Trempolino, burst on the scene in the 2003 Bessemer Trust Breeders'



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| 1 | GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment), Bar None Ranches | \$6.500 | 49/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | , ,, | | *1205 | 48 | 1.39 | 1.68 |
| 2 | | \$6,000 | 43/9 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Hallelujah Trail, \$44,200) | \$318,752 \$289,587 | *228 | 5 | 1.14 | 1.64 |
| 2 | SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs Canada | 4 -) | | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bourbon Bay, \$120,000) | \$289,169 | 452 | 19 | | 1.41 |
| 1 | FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Esquirol Farms | \$2,500 | 43/14 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Formal Plan, \$50,480) | | | 12 | 1.20 | |
| 5 | MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs Canada FOREST GROVE (01, Forestry), Canmor Farms | \$12,500 \$3.000 | 62/14 22/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mazucambera, \$33,750) (Keep On Giving, \$35,400) | \$278,256 \$195,213 | *312 76 | 12 | 0.85 | 1.57 1.39 |
| 6 | SKIMMING (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud | \$4,000 | 46/15 | 1/2 | 0/0 | (All Saint, \$37,350) | \$193,213 | 290 | 12 | 0.86 | 1.15 |
| 7 | CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm | \$4,000 | 33/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cape Time, \$34,840) | \$183,175 | 331 | 17 | 1.18 | 1.13 |
| 8 | QUEST (99, Seeking the Gold), Dunroven Farms | Ψ4,500 N/A | 17/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gaya, \$50,400) | \$146,962 | 52 | 0 | 0.62 | 1.57 |
| 9 | ROCK AND ROLL (95, Cure the Blues), Kirby | \$3.000 | 12/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Meese Rocks, \$74,000) | \$134,101 | *102 | 1 | 1.01 | 0.95 |
| 10 | NORTH LIGHT (IRE) (01, Danehill), Adena Springs Canada | \$10.000 | 28/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Celtic New Year, \$35,800) | \$128,174 | *173 | 3 | 1.46 | 1.50 |
| 11 | CROWN ATTORNEY (93, Silver Deputy), Debany Farm | N/A | 2/1 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Rahy's Attorney, \$120,000) | \$120,174 | 132 | 2 | 1.43 | 1.32 |
| 12 | PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore), Gardiner Farms | \$4.000 | 18/6 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (El Inspirado, \$39,000) | \$115,899 | 533 | 33 | 1.30 | 1.44 |
| 13 | TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Gardiner Farms | \$4,000 | 17/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (T. T.'s Point, \$33,570) | \$101,281 | 293 | 12 | 1.23 | 1.37 |
| 14 | GOLD LEGEND (90, Seattle Slew), Esquirol Farms | Died | 22/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Princess Turandot, \$17,362) | \$100,053 | 385 | 19 | 1.26 | 1.17 |
| 15 | EXPLICIT (97, Distant View), Winsome Acres | Died | 19/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Edplicit, \$18,858) | \$94,886 | 161 | 4 | 0.82 | 0.86 |
| 16 | ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), Norse Ridge Farms | \$3,500 | 12/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cat Loves This, \$26,200) | \$84,781 | 300 | 3 | 0.98 | 1.39 |
| 17 | MAZEL TRICK (95, Phone Trick) | Died. 2008 | 12/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Estrogen Rockette, \$22,530) | \$83,795 | *380 | 10 | 1.12 | 1.48 |
| 18 | MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm | \$4,500 | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mobil the Gambler, \$37,800) | \$81,360 | *110 | | 1.47 | 1.57 |
| 19 | WANDO (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm | \$4.500 | 18/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Juan Might, \$14,920) | \$67,792 | *100 | 2 | 1.10 | 1.25 |
| 20 | THE TRADER'S ECHO (94, Eastern Echo), Bar 17 Stable | \$3,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lester's Echo, \$55,600) | \$64,493 | 52 | 0 | 0.69 | 1.03 |
| 21 | BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus), Gardiner Farms | \$15,000 | 10/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Regent Executive, \$13,530) | \$59,050 | 725 | 43 | 1.72 | 1.32 |
| 22 | TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano), Ascot Stud | \$5.000 | 13/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ksenia, \$22,995) | \$54,696 | 272 | 12 | 1.36 | 1.17 |
| 23 | VYING VICTOR (89, Flying Paster) | Died, 2008 | 13/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Victoriaslilsecret, \$19,240) | \$52,047 | 592 | 35 | 0.83 | 0.80 |
| 24 | BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE) (97, Machiavellian), Norse Ridge Farms | \$2,500 | 22/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Amico Mio, \$30,224) | \$50,475 | 251 | 2 | 0.62 | 1.00 |
| 25 | ALJABR (96, Storm Cat), Ascot Stud | \$3,500 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Munaddam, \$16,400) | \$41,675 | *148 | 8 | 0.97 | 1.65 |
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Cup Juvenile (gr. I) at Santa Anita Park, charging from last place to win the event for owner B. Wayne Hughes and trainer Richard Mandella, one of four winners Mandella would saddle that day in what is still the greatest training feat in Breeders' Cup history. Action This Day was named champion 2-year-old male two months later. He began his stud career in Kentucky at Castleton Lyons in 2005, then moved to Spendthrift Farm in 2008. He stood the 2010 season at Dana Point before arriving in Indiana, where he is standing the 2011

season for \$1,000. His son Night Action won the 2008 Miller Lite Cradle Stakes.

"Action This Day is such a wonderful clown," noted Gerth. "He's so big and strong, but he's just a kid. Joyce has fallen in love with him just like we did. He'll follow you around everywhere."

Dana Point purchased Domestic Dispute out of Keeneland's January mixed sale earlier this year and sent him directly to Indiana Stallion Station. The winner of the 2003 Santa Catalina Stakes (gr. II) and 2004 Strub Stakes (gr. II) began his

stallion career at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland. He is the sire of stakes winner Domestic Bliss and stakes-placed Star Anna and Skip the Trial. Domestic Dispute, a son of Unbridled's Song who earned better than \$700,000 racing, stands this season for \$2,000.

Indiana Stallion Station is also home to the End Sweep stallion Alysweep, winner of the 2003 Gotham Stakes (gr. III), who previously stood in Florida; Max's Pal, a nine-time stakes-winning son of Marquetry who earned \$728,896 and also began his stud career in Florida; and graded stakes-placed On Board Again, by Awesome Again.

Based on his progeny earnings while in Maryland, Domestic Dispute enters stud in Indiana as the state's leading sire. Vorhauer estimated his 2011 book at 65-70 mares, with Action This Day being visited by 50-55. This all means increased business for Baker with broodmares on the grounds to be foaled out, plus boarding fees for maiden and barren mares on the premises. Baker makes sure Indiana Stallion Station serves as many facets of the horse world as possible.

"We stand stallions, do the breedings, then the foaling out," she said. "We do some boarding. I give riding lessons. And I'm a 4-H leader. We do a little bit of everything to do with horses. It's upbeat here now."

The farm has about 10 Thoroughbred broodmares and a like number of Quarter



Action This Day is standing his first season in Indiana in 2011

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2011 Leading Sires in Ohio

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| T., | | Stakes Rstrct | | | | | Cumulative | | | | |
|------|--|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing | 2011 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Wnrs/ Wns | SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2011 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | *A-E Index | *Comp Index |
| 1 | PRIVATE SCHOOL (87, Bates Motel) | Died, 2007 | 3/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (School Lass, \$13,700) | \$28,709 | 120 | 1 | 0.52 | 0.81 |
| 2 | PRIDE OF BURKAAN (90, Burkaan) | Pnsd | 6/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sheza Runaway Star, \$7,795) | \$23,580 | 73 | 0 | 0.49 | 0.57 |
| 3 | TROPICAL STORM (00, Storm Cat), Raimonde Farms | \$1,500 | 14/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gray Storm A'comin, \$4,860) | \$22,566 | *74 | 0 | 0.54 | 0.70 |
| 4 | MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm | \$2,500 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (0'Riain, \$9,210) | \$18,794 | 201 | 13 | 0.69 | 0.87 |
| 5 | BOLD TRUTH (99, Seattle Slew), Belford Farm | \$2,000 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (It's a Tale, \$6,980) | \$18,759 | *32 | 2 | 0.83 | 1.04 |

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2011 Leading Sires in Iowa

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|------|--|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------|----------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing | 2011 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Wnrs/ Wns | SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2011 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | | *Comp Index |
| 1 | PIES PROSPECT (01, Crafty Prospector) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pies Bid, \$20,720) | \$22,340 | 16 | 0 | 0.56 | 0.76 |
| 2 | WILD GOLD (90, Wild Again), Madison County Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 11/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mississippi Gold, \$6,520) | \$19,187 | 220 | 4 | 0.82 | 0.88 |
| 3 | IMPEACHMENT (97, Deputy Minister), Rockin River Ranch | \$2,500 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Judicial Inquiry, \$5,500) | \$12,603 | 135 | 2 | 0.78 | 1.23 |
| 4 | CLASSIC CAT (95, Mountain Cat) | N/A | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Papote, \$4,230) | \$8,537 | *106 | 0 | 0.44 | 0.97 |
| 5 | DIGNITAS (89, In Reality) | N/A | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jaybird's Miracle, \$8,498) | \$8,498 | 169 | 3 | 0.85 | 0.93 |

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Horse mares that it breeds to both race and sell. All go to stallions standing at the farm.

Of course, what politicians give, they can also take away, and Indiana is currently in the news because the state's proposed budget would reduce the horse industry's share of racetrack gaming revenue by more than 50%. In 2010, \$60 million from gaming revenue was returned to Standardbred, Quarter Horse, and Thoroughbred interests in the state. The proposed budget would cap that amount at \$27 million.

"Everybody worries about the program and its continued funding," stated Baker. "People have bought farms here because of the program and bought horses, and they're breeding better stock and we have better stallions. Sure we're worried that people will take the stallions away if they're not getting the revenue. It's scary."

Even though Pennsylvania is one of the few other states whose breeding industry is expanding, Vorhauer said moving stallions to Indiana was a natural.

"Pennsylvania is a bit more lucrative in its purse structure," she said, "but the Indiana program offers great incentives for breeders with Indiana-bred and -sired races, which makes it easier to win than in open company. The Pennsylvania program is phenomenal, but sometimes you don't want to put all your eggs in one basket. These are the two booming states, so we figured we'd spread our wings a little bit."

Vorhauer has made the trip to Indiana to see the Dana Point stallions and check in on the farm's mares that were shipped in to support the studs.

"I was pleased with the way the horses looked and how they were breeding the stallions," Vorhauer noted. "They've done everything the way I expected they would. They stay in good communication with me, which I like. I always know what's going on. Joyce's organizational skills are impeccable, and it makes it easier for us to keep our arms wrapped around our division out there."

Gerth is thankful that she has been able to find people in the horse business that share her view of stewardship of the animals.

2011 Leading Sires in Michigan

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| 1 | EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms | N/A | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bipolar Express, \$22,360) | \$41,267 | 119 | 5 | 0.70 | 0.81 |
| 2 | THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms | \$2,000 | 19/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tequila Blues, \$11,400) | \$33,571 | 226 | 4 | 0.56 | 0.96 |
| 3 | SYNCLINE (97, Danzig), McMaster Farm | \$1,000 | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (So Serene, \$8,010) | \$25,809 | 95 | 2 | 1.12 | 0.95 |
| 4 | DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm | \$1,000 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hoho Tow, \$8,905) | \$20,008 | 309 | 9 | 0.91 | 1.10 |
| 5 | FIRE BLITZ (99, Storm Cat), Campbell Stables | \$1,500 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Blitz Eclipse, \$7,205) | \$16,798 | 38 | 2 | 0.54 | 0.75 |

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2011 Leading Sires in Nebraska

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| Rank | Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing | 2011 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Wnrs/ Wns | SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2011 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | *A-E Index | *Comp Index |
| 1 | BLUMIN AFFAIR (91, Dynaformer), Rogers Ranch | \$2,000 | 26/7 | 2/2 | 0/2 | (Reach One More, \$19,866) | \$72,977 | 270 | 30 | 0.84 | 0.89 |
| 2 | MIRACLE HEIGHTS (89, Gate Dancer), Shady Bend Thoroughbreds | Died, 2010 | 5/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Nayborhood Affair, \$15,510) | \$26,141 | 106 | 9 | 1.00 | 0.50 |
| 3 | SILENT BLUFF (97, Pine Bluff) | N/A | 12/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jake N Levis Bluff, \$4,368) | \$13,249 | 58 | 1 | 0.32 | 0.35 |
| 4 | SHADOW HAWK (99, Mr. Prospector) | N/A | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Spice Swirl, \$7,005) | \$12,373 | 62 | 2 | 0.56 | 0.77 |
| 5 | FORTUOSO (94, Fortunate Prospect) | Died | 4/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Riley's Rockin, \$4,368) | \$11,313 | 30 | 0 | 0.38 | 0.62 |

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"I've done so many things in business, and I never questioned being able to succeed in the horse business," the Dana Point owner said. "But clicking with Maria was a key, and now to do the Indiana program with Joyce. Some of those mares are my babies, and Joyce has the same kind of relationship with them as I do. People say not to treat them as pets, but to us they are part of the family. They can be treated with love and respect and dignity, and we and Joyce share that philosophy.

"She's an incredible woman who has had a rough time, and we love giving her the assistance. We're as grateful to have found her as she is to have met us. It's a gift for us to be able to do this for her. We're a good team; very unusual people in the horse business."

Added Baker, "I've had horses all my life and dearly love them. That's why I do what I do. They become part of your family. Certainly, the excitement of the races and the revenue and the people—it's all wonderful, and I hope it stays that way."



Domestic Dispute, Indiana's leading sire of 2011

