



# Missouri Draft Horse & Mule Association, Inc. Newsletter

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### A Note from our President:

Hello everyone hope this finds everybody is as fine as a fiddle. It is hot and dry here; but last winter we wanted it to warm up a little and it did. I haven't got a lot to report because last spring I let my mouth go before I thought about what I was getting into and took a job for the summer and it sure is getting in the way of my playing.

In April we went to Columbia to plow at the UMC Turkey Farm. It rained and was very muddy but we plowed anyway. They were very pleased at the way things turned out. They want us to come back next spring. A Big Thanks to David White for setting it all up. Then we went to Neal's the next weekend to plow. We had some good plowing and some great food; but we lost a great friend and teamster.

### R.I.P. Ricky LaValley.



So all I have been doing since then is working but I am thinking about retirement again.

Don't forget the board meeting July 9th at Jim & Mila Cunningham's barn.

So until we meet again keep a tight line.  
Billy & Elsie Meyer

### A Note from our Vice President:

Summer is officially here!!

It feels as if we went from monsoon to heat wave, but the horses are acclimating well. We have been trying to prepare for show season and did not get as much driving done as we wanted to with the rain. We have managed to figure some things out about adding on the 4. Mainly we know now who should go where (for my arm's sake)! I fought it pretty hard the first couple times that we tried hooking up but the last two times have been fabulous! We still need a lot more practice but we have a good start :)



We have been busy chasing wagon rides, parades, and just plain getting the horses worked. Shelby has decided that Comet was her birthday present this year and is working with him quite a bit on the cart and in team with Dolly... I am not sure that I agreed to this present though. I have been working on Lilly and Amos trying to figure them out and get them to settle into a work routine. It has been a challenge at times but they are coming around to my way of thinking. Art keeps Sadie and Belle busy working up our track so that we have a smooth path to work the wagons and carts.

Work has kept Art and I busy as usual this time of year. I really wish construction was busy in the winter so I would have a little more time for the horses! It's been pretty nice having the kids home as they are getting big enough to be useful and Shelby is even big enough to unharness when we are done driving! Their summer project was a garden and it is doing well as long as I get them out of bed in the morning to water it and stay after them to weed it but we should have plenty of green beans to can!



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Shelby has been practicing her mane rolling and made me teach her how to do tails this weekend. Looks like I will be able to sit back and eat BonBons at the show while she hustles to get everyone ready... well maybe not for a few more years but she is making every effort to pull her fare share!

Cassie & Tyler Cronin on their honeymoon.



I hope everyone has their entry in for Ozark Empire Fair. Remember that the Missouri State Fair Entries are **due July 31st** or they will be subject to a late fee! Hope to see everyone on the road and that you have safe travels.

Hope to see you along the trail!

Art and Robyn Holtgrewe

### **A Note from our Secretary/Treasurer:**

Hey all!

Hope everyone is staying as cool as you can in this heat!

Thank you to all of you who helped put together the recipe book for Tyler and I (mostly me since I'll be the one trying out all your recipes)!

We just got back from our honeymoon! We spent a week at Rocking Z Guest Ranch in Montana riding horses and working cattle. I even got to drive their team of Belgians and ride back to the pasture. It was a lot of fun but I think I'll stick to our mules ;)

I don't have any minutes to report since we haven't had a meeting since the last newsletter. I hope to see you all on July 9th at the next one.

As always, if you need anything that I can help with, feel free to give me a holler and I'll do my best to help!

Stay cool!

Cassie

Cassie Cronin, Secretary/Treasurer

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### **A Note from our Youth Representatives:**

Hello from your youth Representative Shelby. We've got to drive a lot in the past month and that's a good thing because I really need to work on my driving. I drove Comet on the cart yesterday for the first time in a while, and realized I need to work with him on the cart more often. Mom has gotten a couple opportunities to drive the 4. It seems to really be coming together, especially after we put Dolly out front with Comet. I've also been working on my braiding skills, my mom taught me how to braid tails



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the other day. I now have something else to work on. Last weekend we went to a parade and I got to braid 4 manes.



### 2016 MDHMA Board Meeting



The Board Meeting is @ 10:00 AM  
on Saturday July 09, 2016  
at Cunningham barn, Columbia MO.

Everyone Welcome!

Directions:

[http://missouridraffhorse.com/Directions\\_Cunningham\\_Barn.html](http://missouridraffhorse.com/Directions_Cunningham_Barn.html)

### Greetings from Bobby and Genny:

Hope everybody is staying as cool as possible. I would really just as soon hibernate during this awful hot weather, but can't stop doing everything. Bobby, on the other hand, is just about to thaw out. He and Lee Ewigman and family went to Bruce Adams' mowing this past Saturday. They had a great time and were smart enough to get the horses out of the field after dinner. The video of Bobby mowing that Jean Adams put on Facebook has gotten a lot of Likes and Comments.

We went to La Plata yesterday evening and got to see the newlywed Amish couple at his brother's place. They are very happy and so sweet driving off in their buggy.

Bobby took me to the Driving Horse Sale at Centerville, Iowa the end of May. Once again, the weather was nice and we saw some horses sell very high. It was a bit different having it in town instead of at an Amish farm, but still fun.

We plan to go to Lathrop on Friday for the Draft Horse Pull. I am hoping we get that rain without a storm and maybe it will cool down a bit. I am thinking about the horses as well as me!

My sister is doing really well and will soon have as much hair back as I have. She says she is really enjoying the shortness in this heat.

I thought we were going to have to miss the next Director's Meeting because Bobby's daughter and her husband chose that day to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It will not start until 4 at Clarksville, Mo, so we will probably be putting a lot

of miles on our car that day. We would also like to get to the Draft Horse Pull at the Mark Twain Old Thresher's in Paris that evening. No wonder I have to get the oil changed so often!

I don't know much else, so will quit and get this to Mila.

Stay cool everyone and hope to see you somewhere down the line

### Greeting from Bristle Ridge Percherons:

I wish to THANK each and everyone for attending our annual Neal's Plow! From what I understand, we had standing room only at lunch and at our supper meal on Saturday.

I wish to apologize for the plot we used this year due to the amount of rain prior to May. I (Dave Eichman) had to get in the northfield and plant grass seed for this years hay crop along with corn between showers. (Thank you Dave Eichman for this good deed!) I had back surgery in March & was banished from just about everything. This left us with the small south pasture. Little did I know the state of Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, & Missouri would be coming to plow -SERIOUSLY! We had NO rain, we had NO snow, only blue skies & when the whistle blew everyone was out in full force. Did we get pictures anyone?

The weather was perfect for our event & my son Dusty came from Clinton, MO & donated his time & expertise to smoking some of the finest, most delicious, finger lickin', lip smackin' good ribs & pork butt for our Saturday evening meal. The ladies figured 75 or so for lunch & over 100 for supper standing room only. The food just kept coming when the ladies thought they were getting low somebody else would come waltzing in with more & boy can our friends cook!

Speaking of friends.....You know that you have GREAT FRIENDS when something unforeseeable happens & the band continues to play without missing a beat until the show is over. THANK YOU... Billy & Elsie Meyer, Bill & Celia Edwards, Victoria Frieden, Tom Eldridge & Freddie House to only mention a few. Thanks to EVERYONE else who pitched in while I was unavailable. You don't know how proud you make me feel & supportive of



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all that attended my plow this was truly  
TEAMWORK!

To our dear friend Ricky LaValley, you will always be in our hearts, in our prayers, in our fields & walking with us in the furrow.

Cassie & Tyler Cronin - Congratulations on a beautiful wedding. We wish you many years to come. Welcome to the family Tyler. Have you got your team picked out yet?

Terri & I took a little day trip & drove to Kidder, MO to the Adams Mow day hosted by Bruce & Jean Adams. Blue skies with high humidity kept attendance down. Bobby Wright, Lee & Kirsten Ewigman & daughters came along with Bruce & team to the field. We had a great visit with all. Mark, Kacey, & Collin Taylor who had just come from their hayfield but wanted to stop by. So glad you did.

Jean provided a delicious brisket sandwich, pasta salad, beverage & watermelon. We enjoyed eating under the shade tree while visiting with friends old & new.

On the second part of our drive, we attended a hot dog cookout at the Saline County fairground, Marshall, MO with the Mid MO Antique Club. It was a lot of miles traveling, visiting & eating which we both enjoyed.

Our final outing Saturday 18th was to Crooked River Working Horse & Mule Assoc/club meeting & homemade ice cream hosted at the home of Rick & Beck Frye. It was a great social night with homemade vanilla & peach ice cream. Cookies, banana bread, cake (both chocolate & white) with lots of frosting & alot of laughter.

As we are officially into our summer season, be mindful of our animals with fresh water. While we are in our fields via fun or working **Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate!** Wear a hat to cover our heads, nose & ears. Tell your family where you will be along with how long you think you may be away & when you return & go to another place.

Have a safe 4th of July. I look forward to seeing you

at the next calendar of events & hope your travels are safe.

I think our "On the Mend" list are doing well. Celia, Elsie, Bobby, Joseph, Doyle have all returned to normal activities & completing honey do's. I am up to a trot at a snail's pace & Jim will have another spot removed. We saw Lyndall Galloway at David White/Kenny Penton plowing looking good but baby steps are advised! Dorothy Brison is on the mend as is Rick Frye & Richard Culliver who had total knee replacements. Both are working at a fast pace. Wilbert is keeping a low profile & out of the heat per doctors orders. Keep up the Good Work Team!

If you did not pick up your new membership list please contact Secretary Cassie. If your information was not up to speed, or changed your name, please let us know so we can correct & publish correctly next round.

Hope to see you soon

Bristle Ridge Percherons  
Neal & Terri DeVasher

### **Greetings from Northwest Missouri!**

Think everyone would agree with me that the temperatures we are having are a sure indication that summer is really here. My neighbor has not cut my hay yet so a nice shower would be okay. Going to be a lot of clover in my hay this year and a lot of hay for that matter, some of it is waist high. Not easy to find post and things left in the arena to pick up so as not to cause damage to machinery when mowing hay....and harder to see snakes too!!

Will start a nightly vigil checking my mare Pearl as she is due to foal around June 20. This will be her first and she is bred to a 24 yr old foundation Fjord stud. The owners of stud are almost as anxious as I am. Wondering which bedroom she would be most comfortable in?

Larry and I attended Cassie and Tyler's wedding in Liberty and it was very pretty. Was amazing how well some of our members clean up and how nice everybody looked! But think we can all agree that our jeans and overalls are the most comfortable.

Am an empty nester again as Eli has left for forestry work in Vermont. They were several weeks late getting his contract done but it worked out for



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me really well. We got SO much done and he planted 225 trees while here...Redbuds, Hawthorns, Persimmons and some kind of oak tree. Now if I can keep the horses from eating them and remembering where they are so I don't mow them down with the tractor, they will be wonderful some day. However I may be to old and senile to appreciate them!

Larry is busy working on building a chuck wagon. He has an old wagon that he is converting and building a chuck box to put in. It has been fun looking at flea markets and antique stores for things to put in it. He is supposed to have it ready by July 2 for an event that a friend of ours is taking his chuck wagon to also. Won't that be fun cooking over fire in July?

Two of my sons Seth and Eli attended Neal's plowing and really enjoyed meeting everyone. Seth really got into plowing. I told him he could inherit my team. He said he would rather have a big team! Now that is gratitude but he went on to explain that at 6 ft 7 there would not be so much bending with a big team.

I have barn swallows nesting on my front and back porches and while they are great for keeping the bugs down, they are just nasty! They won't use an old nest and the new one is right above the door so guess what the doorknob is always covered in? When that nest is empty, it's coming down and I will wear bug spray in the evenings when I set on the porch.

When Eli was home and we were cleaning out fence rows, we found a bee tree. I hope they will stay but not sure how I will get honey down as it is way up in the top of the tree. One of my earliest memories is of my Dad and Grandpa Lovejoy robbing a bee tree and bringing in honeycomb in galvanized washtubs. I must have been in trouble 'cause I was sitting under the kitchen table observing. Remember everything was sticky for days.

Next time I send in an article, I should have a new title, Grandma. It will be my first grandchild and while I am looking forward to the arrival, I am not much on the title. So I am practicing and searching for a title less aging.

Well better go fluff Pearl's pillow. Hope to see you at Frye's ice cream social or at Jamesport Amish sale. If you're in our neck of the woods stop in as the gate here is always open for friends and their

horses!

Keep the furrows in your life and fields straight.  
Valerie and the E 7 Critters



Pearl's first born  
Scout arrived  
June 18th

#1 Dave Eichman & mules



#2 Art Holtgrew & Shelby taking instruction on walking plow with team of belgians.





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#3 John Billings ready to hit the furrow with his Percherons.



#6 Billy Meyer hitting the trail with his Percherons.



#4 Bobby Wright plowing with his Percheron.



#7 Larry Widham 3 abreast with Fjords.



#5 Doyle Prawl plowing with his Mules.



### 2016 MISSOURI DRAFT HORSE & MULE ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

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Circumstances could change dates, times and/or places  
Some dates are based on last year's so please call or check websites.

Don't forget Coggin's tests and health papers

Pro Horse Pulls Joe Miller 573-682-0048 Wayne Duncan 816-390-5298 Savannah, MO

Virgil Buffington 660-868-0159 Dan Gray 712-826-8114 Ray Smith **573-682-4608**

Newsletter articles are due 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb, April, June, August, Oct. and Dec.



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Fri-Sat 1-2 Horse Progress Days Howe, Indiana 717-940-4412

Thurs-Sun 7-10 Mark Twain Old-Thresher's Paris, MO  
Angela Fields 573-721-5705

Pro Pull on Saturday at Paris at 5 P.M. Joe Miller

Sat 9 Thresherman Plowing Penfield, IL Jim Buzzard  
217-821-5930

Sat 16 Prairie Home Draft Horse Events 7 P.M. Contact  
Billy Meyer 573-375-0134

Sat 16 Thresherman Plowing Bible Grove, IL Jim  
Buzzard 217-821-5930

**Thurs 21 Draft Horse Pull Boone Cty Fair Sturgeon, MO  
Ray Smith 573-682-4608**

Sat 23 Thresherman Plowing Altamont, IL Jim Buzzard  
217-821-5930

Thurs-Sat July 28-Aug 6 Ozark Empire Fair Springfield,  
MO 417-833-2660

**Fri 29 Pro Horse Pull 8:00 Macon, Mo Flywheel Reunion  
Ray Smith 573-682-4608**

**Corrected date**

Sat 30 Thresherman Plowing Greenville, IL Jim Buzzard  
217-821-5930

### AUGUST

Mon 1 Special Workhorse & Driving Horse Sale Kalona,  
IA 319-656-2222

**Thurs 4 Draft Horse Pull California, MO 7 P.M. Ray  
Smith 573-682-4608**

Fri-Sat 5-6 Show-Me Draft and Driving Horse Sale  
Barnett, MO 573-378-4335

Sat 6 Mule Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during  
show [www.lathropantique.com](http://www.lathropantique.com)

Thurs-Sun 11-21 Missouri State Fair Sedalia, MO  
[www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com)

Sat 13 Dan Dumey Plowing Cape Girardeau, MO Jim  
Buzzard 217-821-5930

Wed 17 Draft Horse Pull Missouri State Fair Joe Miller  
5:00 Mathewson Center

Thurs-Sun 11-21 Illinois State Fair Springfield, IL  
[www.agr.state.il.us](http://www.agr.state.il.us)

Thurs-Sun 11-21 Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA  
[www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

Sat 20 Thresherman Pinckneyville, IL Jim Buzzard 217-  
821-5930

Fri-Mon Aug 26-Sept 5 Nebraska State Fair Grand  
Island, NE [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org)

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs-Mon Sept 1-5 Old Thresher's Mt. Pleasant, IA  
319-385-8937

**Wed-Fri 7-9 Boone County Draft Horse & Mule Sale  
MO State Fairgrounds**

**Lonnie Miller 260-350-4637 Joe Raber 719-431-3137**

**Catalog deadline August 1**

Thurs-Sat 8-10 Randolph Cty Old Settler's Reunion and  
Fall Fair Berry Canote

<http://huntsvillecommunityclub.org>

Thurs-Sun 8-11 Missouri River Valley Steam Show  
Boonville, MO

Fri-Sun 9-18 Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, KS

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

Sat-Sat 10-17 SEMO Fair Cape Girardeau, MO 573-334-  
9250

Wed-Sat 14-17 Central Wisconsin Horse Sale Neillsville,  
WI 715-238-8088

Thurs-Sun 15-18 NE Mo Old Thresher's Shelbina, MO  
Jim Peters 660-291-9596

Thurs-Sun 15-25 Oklahoma State Fair Oklahoma City  
[www.okstatefair.com](http://www.okstatefair.com)

Thurs-Sun 22-25 State Corn Husking Marshall, MO 660-  
886-2233

Fri-Sat 23-24 Baumli's Draft Horse & Mule Sale  
Maryville, MO 660-652-4454

**Sat 24 Draft Horse Pull Chillicothe, MO 7 P.M. Ray  
Smith 573-682-4608**

Sat-Sun 24-25 Fair Grove Heritage Reunion Fair Grove,  
MO

Draft Horse and Mule events Marilyn Smith 417-833-  
3467 [www.fghps.org](http://www.fghps.org)

### OCTOBER

Sat 1 Crooked River Sorghum Day Buckner, MO Rick  
Frye 660-238-5197

Sat 1 Tim Berry Plowing Villa Grove, IL Jim Buzzard  
217-821-5930

**Sat 1 Driving Horse Sale Centerville, Iowa Eli Gingerich  
641-658-2227**

Sat-Sun 1-2 Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days  
Gerald, MO 573-764-2629

Tues-Fri Oct 4-Oct 7 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale  
Waverly, IA 319-352-2804

Sat 8 Mike Turbeville Plowing Dresden, TN Jim Buzzard  
217-821-5930

Fri-Sun 7-9 Living History Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-  
3000 during show

**Sat 8 Draft Horse Pull Lathrop, MO 3 P.M. Ray Smith  
573-682-4608**

Tues-Sat 11-15 North American Belgian Championship 8  
W Springfield, MA Mark Barie 585-356-0945

[mjbarie@hotmail.com](mailto:mjbarie@hotmail.com)

Thurs-Fri 13-14 Emily Esarey Memorial Wagon Train  
Ken Wise 217-248-8515

Sat 15 Emily Esarey Horse Plowing Ken Wise White  
Hall, IL 217-248-8515

Sat 15 Scott Moorehouse Hay Day 18783 Jasmine Dr.



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Neosho, MO 417-312-0116  
 Mon-Tues 17-18 Kalona Fall Draft Horse & Carriage Sale Kalona, IA 319-656-2222  
 Sat 22 Rural Heritage Day St. Genevieve, MO Luann Miller 314-330-6160  
 Sat 22 Ron Benne Plowing Cape Girardeau, MO Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930  
 Tues-Fri 25-28 Topeka Fall Draft Horse Sale Topeka, IN 260-593-2522  
 Sat Oct 29 Richard Ray-Bobby Wright Plowing New London, MO 573-985-3225 or 660-413-2332

### NOVEMBER

Fri-Sat 4-5 Tom Renner Plowing Belleville, IL Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930  
 Thurs-Sun 10-13 Rick Frye's Plowing Buckner, MO 660-238-5197

### DECEMBER

Sat 3 Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade Lawrence, KS 11:00 A.M.  
 Elaine VanDeventer [evandeventer@embarq.mail](mailto:evandeventer@embarq.mail) 785-856-4437  
 Sun 18 Crooked River Live Nativity Buckner, MO 2 to 6 P.M. Rick Frye 660-238-5197  
 Sun 25 Christmas- the birthday of our Savior

2018 Oct 8-13 World Percheron Congress  
 Des Moines, IA State Fairgrounds  
*So glad it will be close to us again!*

### RE M I N D E R

If you have items for sale or looking for an item, ADVERTISE for FREE HERE in our newsletter.

### From Our Kitchen to Yours:

#### Salami Roll-Ups

On the run?

These are perfect for last minute takeouts.

- 1 carton (8oz) whipped cream cheese
- 1/4 pound hard salami, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp dill pickle relish
- 4 flour tortillas (10 inches) room temperature

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, salami & pickle relish. Spread over tortillas. Roll up tightly; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Unwrap & cut each tortilla into 1" slices

Yield: 3 1/2 dozen (these go great with pasta salad,

cottage cheese, vegie plate or watermelon on a hot day).

**Another Name:** Disguised in each word or phrase below is a familiar horse-related term. The key to revealing its identity is to use a synonyms that is, words that have the same or nearly the same meanings as the ones you see.

Example: cushionpier - synonym for cushion is pad, and a synonym for pier is dock. Put the two together & you get paddock.

1. Square Booth \_\_\_\_\_
2. Oceanscone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cool Air Current Equine \_\_\_\_\_
4. Striking Sequence \_\_\_\_\_
5. Circle Distasteful \_\_\_\_\_
6. Perspiration Remove \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sodium Chunk \_\_\_\_\_
8. Barn Cut \_\_\_\_\_
9. Exhibit Person Boat \_\_\_\_\_

### Hungry as a Horse Results

Leftover letters spell:  
**HORSES NEED PLENTY OF CLEAN WATER TOO**



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April 30th at UMCTurkey Farm. .  
7 teams were in attendance.

Billy Meyer taking a break with friends.



Dave White

& Kenny Penton in the furrow below

