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A Note from our President:

Hello everybody

I almost forgot to write this. Thank you Mila for reminding me. Well it has been a real good winter, not to cold so we could get out and around.

We have been to some good sales here and yonder, got some stuff I didn't need, but some I did need. We went to Illinois in the middle of February, to the Illinois Teamster's dinner at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur, IL, a great meal and great time visiting. I would like to thank Bill & Celia Edwards for there hospitality. Next we went to Gordyville, Illinois, put this on your bucket list. This is one of the most fun sales I have ever been to, it was pretty awesome with a lot of high dollar horses.

Next was the annual meeting. It was a very good time and a great meal. Ken Thanks to Dusty DeVasher and his Penton dad, Neal for smoking the meat. It was great as usual. Congratulations to Terri DeVasher as Member of the Year, Kenny Penton, Lynch Pin

> winner, Genny Wright as the Facebook participation award, and Michela Redeker for winning the Youth Scholarship. We also want to send out a big thank you to our Youth Representatives Shelby, Holly, Hailey, and Jeanie. I would

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like to send out a huge thank you to everyone for a very good sale, our treasury looks very good for the next year.

In the spirit of teamwork Billy and Elsie Meyer

A Note from our Vice President:

Well it was so nice to see all of our draft horse friends that could make it to the Annual Meeting this year!! Can't wait till we are harnessing up and plowing together again this year!

Not much has been going on around here as far as the horses are concerned (the kids and work are keeping me hopping!). The mares came back from their carriage ride job and were more than happy to have their shoes pulled and return to the life of luxury! We have managed to toss harness a couple times when needed to skid a couple logs or go for a quick wagon ride before it gets dark during the winter. Now that the daylight and weather are starting to lean my way, I am trying to get them all worked as much as I can. We need to schedule a shoeing appointment and vet appointment so that we are all ready for our kickoff plowing at Tom Eldridge's farm. Yeah! Spring is almost here!!

We did manage to make it to the Illinois Plowmen's Lunch in Arthur IL and very much enjoyed ourselves getting to visit with friends. It was a little odd leaving for lunch at 8 am but the trip was well worth it. They have a very nice meeting! Jim Buzzard made a good point How many of us would have ever met if it had not been for our draft horses? I will say it again this year. I am honored and blessed to have stumbled into such a great group of people. Thank you Jim for reminding me of this fact.

I am sure that Billy and Cassie will have the meeting thoroughly covered so I won't make you read it again! Congratulations to the winners of the annual awards! Thank you all for your contributions to the auction and the lunch. And thank you for running up those bids! We had a successful auction!! Once again so good to see everyone Terri DeVasher



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and can't wait to see you in the plow field or arena!

Now let's get some nice weather so that we can start legging up some horses!

Art, Robyn & Wyatt Holtgrewe



A Note from our Secretary/Treasurer

It was good seeing everyone at the meeting! Thank you to all who participated in one way, shape or form! We wouldn't be here if it weren't for all of you!

By the way, we raised over \$4,000 at the auction. That's about double what we raised last year! Big thanks to everyone!

Here are the minutes from the annual meeting. Enjoy!

MDHMA Annual Meeting Minutes February 25, 2017 Columbia, MO The meeting was called to order by President Billy Meyer at 12:48pm. There were 59 members present.

The last meeting's minutes were printed and available for viewing at the meeting. Celia Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Dave Eichman seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$530.79 and approximately \$50 petty cash. Neal DeVasher made a motion to accept the treasury balance, Bill Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Current Business

-National Clydesdale Sale Breakfast – The 50/50 raffle was offered at the meeting to raise money

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for the breakfast. No other information was given.

-Vice President nomination – Robyn Holtgrewe won re-election unanimously.

-The Lynch Pin award was awarded and presented to Kenny Penton. Congratulations Kenny!

-The Member of the Year award was awarded to Terri DeVasher. Thank you for all you do Terri! -The Facebook participation award was awarded to Genny Wright and accepted by Bobby Wright. Thank you for being so involved with the MDHMA facebook page!

-The Youth Sch message: %3C2061297736.1444848.1488570952682@mai I.yahoo.com%3E olarship award was awarded to Michaela Redeker and accepted by Hope Redeker.

-The Draft Horse Journal ad is coming due for renewal this spring. A reminder was given to renew if you would like your information in the ad again.

-The quote for wagon ride supplemental insurance has not been received yet, we will revisit this issue at the next meeting. If the association adds wagon ride insurance, a waiver will have to be signed by all non-members that get on any wagon at a MDHMA sponsored event. -Other insurance companies were suggested and will be looked into for the next year. Illinois Council offers a per event policy for \$75 (per person?) for a million dollar rider. This insurance requires covered members to not be for hire and cannot make money.

-The State Fair sponsorship for the obstacle class will be coming due this spring. Gary Moss made a motion to sponsor the obstacle course class like we have done in the past, Dave Eichman seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

-An announcer and volunteers for the barn are needed for the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield. Contact Shawn Gordon if interested. Kathleen Phelps has information to get ahold of Shawn. -The MO State Fair will not have a contractor on site for bedding and feed this year. Bring your own bedding and feed! Also, classes will not be split up by breed; all breeds will shown together. -There will be a dinner at the MO State Fair for exhibitors on Thursday night. Robyn Holtgrewe will take care of the meat but additional help would be appreciated. Contact Robyn for more information.

-The current youth representatives will remain for the 2017 show year. Robyn Holtgrewe will



make shirts for the representatives to wear at the shows, including the out of state shows. Jeanie Moss will be an additional youth representative.

Directors Reports - none

Numerous upcoming and new events were announced. Dates and information will be added to the event calendar as well as added to the MDHMA facebook page.

The next meeting will be May 20[,] 2017 at 10:00 am in Columbia, MO.

Jim Sheehy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kenny Brison seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.

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The <u>next Board Meeting</u> is @ 10:00 AM on Saturday May 20, 2017 at Cunningham Barn, Columbia MO. Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com

A Note from our Youth Representatives

Hello from your youth representatives, Hailey, Holly, Jeanie, and I. Christmas was so much fun. My dad even had to pull my grandpa's truck out of the mud. We had great food as usual. On New Year's day, we went to a friend's house and our dinner was a bunch of different snacks. A couple weeks later after attending the board meeting, it was great to see all those who were able to make it, we headed up to the Moss's for our "Christmas" with them. We ended up meeting them in Iowa for supper up near an Amish community. Then when we finally made it home, we got to open presents; but only after the kids fed the horses. We've also made a trip or two up to Erwin Hansen's house to visit. The most recent time was to get dad's dump truck. We haven't done much as far as our horses go lately. However we've been able to drive a couple times within the last two or three weeks. It was great to see so many people at the annual meeting. I still can't believe that Gary, Jody, and my parents decided to auction Jordan and I off for a weekend of work. Also, congratulations to Terri DeVasher for Member of the Year, Kenny Penton for the Lynch Pin Award, and Genny Wright for the Facebook Participation Award. You all truly deserved those awards. Thank you everyone for all that you do to keep the draft horse industry going. I can't wait to see everyone next time.

> Your Youth Representative, Shelby Holtgrewe

Greetings from Bobby and Genny Wright:

Another Annual Meeting is in the books and I had to miss it again. There was no way I was going to miss the service for my first father-inlaw. Carl Cordray lived to 98 and was smiling up to the end. I married one of his 3 sons when I was barely 17 years old, so we had known each other a long time. He loved to waltz and it was so tempting to ask him to dance when "Waltz Across Texas" was played on the piano at the Nursing Home where he lived for just a little while. RIP sweet man!

Bobby had a bout with Influenza A and it took 2 rounds of medicine to get over it. He felt good enough to go to Arthur, IL for the teamster's meeting. We actually got there mid-afternoon on Friday and got to look around the Arthur area. I could never live in country that is so flat, but it is awesome to see all the beautiful driving horses taking the Amish folks to and fro. There were lots of people riding bicycles too. The flat ground makes that much easier than it is in our hills. Time and people just seem to slow down in Arthur and I do love that. The food at Yoder's Kitchen always makes the trip worthwhile along with getting to see so many fellow draft horse and mule lovers. Thanks to Celia Edwards and Jim Buzzard for planning it every year.

We had a few cold days before Christmas and 4 snows that didn't amount to much, so we can't

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complain about winter this year. I know we could have some more before spring really gets here, but I don't think it will last long if we do.

We had an Amish man come to prune our old Collette pear tree last week. My mom planted it for me in the mid 80's, so we weren't sure it was worth messing with. Moses said it was still in pretty good shape and he trimmed off about half of it. People who say they don't like pears usually change their minds when they try a Collette. There is very little gritty feeling and that's what makes the difference. We shall see if we have a better harvest this year.

Congrats to Kenny Penton and Terri DeVasher on your awards. Also, to Michaela Redeker on winning the scholarship.

I will close as I don't know much else and I'm scheduled to sing at church tonight, so I'd better practice.

Have a joyful spring everyone and hope to see you somewhere down the line!

Bristle Ridge Percherons

2016 was a very long year due to not being able to participate in the regular schedualed plowings. As many of you have heard not only has my back slowed me down but on January 10th, I had a stent placed in my heart. I still take my daily asprin but, they added a few more to my daily dose along with a 10# limit on what I can pick up from the my back doctor. So what it amounts to is I go 3 x's a week for my heart smart therapy & 2-3 x's per week for my back physical therapy. When I don't have muscle spasms & a weight limit, I might be able to bend, twist, turn & jump without pain. If this happen I will be able to harness & head for the furrow.

Hopefully we can get a better start for 2017 with less accidents, health issues & loss of our fellow teamsters.

On February 17th, Terri & I drove to Bill & Celia Edwards house in IL for overnight hospitality along with Billy & Elsie Meyer.On Saturday, we all trecked to Yoder's Cafe in Arcola, IL for the Illinois Council Meeting. We all enjoyed sharing food & friendship from this meeting. Bobby & Genny Wright, Tom Eldridge & Lori along with Jack & Diane Phillips were also familiar faces attending the meeting.

We then worked our way to Greenview with Tom & Lori stopping off the beaten path at a back alley stable or so we thought. This place had several outbuilding. The four of us were given a personal tour. The first building was new & not completed but its contents were 3 refurbished highwheel wagons looking parade ready. Then we went out through the paddock to a long pole barn that was jam packed from front to the back & sometimes stacked 2 & 3 high with old wagons, buckboards, a paddy wagon, anything & everything old & horse related and waiting to become new once again. Coming out of the paddock, we passed 3 trailers which our host just had to give us a look see. The first one was chocked full of military clothing including but not limited to boots, red handle underware & anything else used to looking dapper in a movie. The next trailer contained military saddles, bits, bridals, bed rolls etc. The latter trailer had props for anything else like feeding the army around a campfire.

Come to find out this place belongs to Tom's veterinarian who owns a treasure trove of items. He rents them out to movie companies. We got to see the saddle Tom Cruise sat in to make a calvary movie. There was nothing used for "Dancing with Wolves" staring Kevin Costner however it was still pretty exciting. Look up KEL Productions. This is the name of his company & you be the judge.

We returned to Tom & Lori's for Lori's famous Banana Split Cake & an evening of good company. Returning home on Sunday made for a great weekend with all of our favorite things. Thanks Illinois friends; you're the best!

We had a full house at the MDHMA annual meeting. Was good to see old & new faces and enjoy all of the delicious food & fellowship provided by all that were in attendance. Thank you everyone for making this auction a success as we had some awesome donations to auction off.



Thank you Jim & Mila for your generosity- the use of your building, time, & all that you both do for all of our MDHMA.

Congratulations Kenny Penton for the Lynch Pin recipient & to my wife Terri for the Member of the Year. What a great surprise to us both.

Thank you everyone for cards, calls, words of wisdom & for my Facebook friends, because if it is on FB it has to be true!

See you soon Neal & Terri DeVasher Bristle Ridge Percherons

P.S. Words cannot express the excitement that I felt when presented the jacket for the Member of the Year by our President Billy Meyer. I will wear it with honor though not deserving of its title.

Thank you for all for this honor! For all of our Friends & members who have been on our prayer list Keep Up the Good Work. You all are in our every day thoughts & hope you continue your progress.

Terri DeVasher

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.



If you wish to order for a license plate, the price is \$5.00 per plate plus tax.

The yard sign is \$20.00 plus tax.

A Proof Number Lines Terr!

Just give Terri or Neal a call.

The new dapper "Traveling Plow Hat" bought at 2017 Auction by Art Holtgrew after a heated bidding war with Neal DeVasher.









Neal Devasher wore the hat home in his car thanks to Art sharing his acquisiton.

Greetings from Northwest Missouri !

Mother Nature is teasing us with this spotty weather ! Two weeks ago, I had so many clothes on riding at the stockyards that I looked like the Pillsbury dough boy. If I had fallen off, I would have bounced. Last week, it hit 79 here and was really hard on cattle, the horses and the riders moving them.. I am ready for warmer days but would like to ease into it.

Was nice to have our annual meeting early this year for me..anyway as it usually was the same day as our church's soup and chilli supper on March 18. My only regret was that the Strawberry Hill nursery was not open yet, my green thumb is tingling. Congrats to Kenny Penton on receiving the Lynch Pin award and to Terri Devasher for being Member of the Year award. She does so much behind the scenes work that I am glad she was recognized. As always, way too much good food and deserts. Thanks to all who contributed !

Am contemplating how to rearrange my horses this spring to plow since I lost Dunny. And Thanks to all the people who expressed their condolences to me. Seems alot of people have suffered the same situation and it is really sad. Anyway at least, I have other fjords to put to work and one coming up in a couple of years. I am real excited about. So if you see some really crooked furrows and some tears on my part, especially with the walking plow, please just be patient with us cause we're kinda starting over. Good sound advice is always welcomed! Niwwell, and

Larry and I have been working on my Uncle Paul's estate off and on all winter. Its a 3 hr plus drive from here to Jeff City but most trips have usually left us time to get to see Elsie and Billy so that is always a treat. We took 260 unopened puzzles from Paul's home. I sold them to the Amish surplus store in Jamesport . It truly was a pallet of puzzles ! It has been a real treasure hunt in alot of ways.

Ended up putting shoes all the way around on my AQH Rocket that I use at the stockyards because of the chat that they put in the alleys for footing for the cattle. I use Henry Raber, an Amish man, so when we went up I also took Pearl, my big Fjord mare, along for a trim. Henry was plowing with a 6-up when we got there. I ended leaving Pearl there for a week for him to use. He was really impressed with how she did and how long she would work. So there is another option.

My 5 sons are spread out all over the USA: right now, one is in Hawaii and one in Sri Lanka. The one in Sri Lanka sent me a video of him handling a viper !! What kind of a thing is that to send your MOTHER who is deadly afraid of snakes ??!! That's why I have nerves of steel after raising 5 sons.

Well not much else to tell, grass is greening, the frogs are croaking and lots of dead skunks on the road. All signs of spring ! Hope to see ya all soon at Tom and Lori's in April .

May the sunshine on your face, the wind in your hair and your horses be true. Val and the E 7 Critters

2017 MISSOURI DRAFT HORSE & MULE ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Genny Wright 660-226-5698 grwright@cvalley.net Circumstances could change dates, times and/or places Some dates are based on last year's so please call or check websites

Pro Horse Pulls Joe Miller 573-682-0048 Ray Smith 573-682-4608

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

MARCH

Wed-Fri 1-3 Southern Indiana Spring Draft Horse & Carriage Sale Montgomery, IN 812-486-2786 Wed-Fri 8-10 Boone Cty Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Sedalia, Mo State Fairgrounds Joe Raber 719-431-3137 Lonnie Miller 260-350-4637 Tues-Fri 14-17 Topeka Spring Draft Horse Sale Topeka, IN 260-593-2522 Tues-Fri 28-31 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale Waverly, IA 319-352-2804

APRIL

Sat 1 Spud's Memorial Plowing Greenview, IL Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Fri-Sat 7-8 Kingman Draft Horse & Mule Sale Kingman, KS 620-538-2333 Mon-Tues 10-11 Kalona Spring Draft Horse Sale, Kalona, IA 319-656-2222 Sat 15 Plowing Jim Banks Glen Allen, MO Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sun 16 Easter Sunday Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Wed-Sat 19-22 Central Wisconsin Horse Sale Neillsville, WI 715-570-7749 Fri-Sat 21-22 Rich Hill Auction Rich Hill, MO 913-285-0076 Thurs-Sat 27-29 National Clydesdale Sale National Equestrian Center Lake St. Louis, MO 636-591-8080 Fri-Sat 28-29 Baumli's Draft Horse & Mule Sale Maryville, Mo 660-652-4454 Sat 29 Plowing Poplar Grove, IL Rich Durrant Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sat 29 Plowing at the Turkey Farm Columbia, MO David White 573-819-8998 MAY Fri-Sun 5-7 Neal's Plowing Warrensburg, MO 660-909-4738

JUNE

Fri-Sun 9-11 Heritage Days Martinsville, IL Pull on Friday Plow on Saturday Contact John Hammond 217-232-3587

Show Saturday and Sunday Contact Bill Crouch 217-276-4036

Sat 10 Bruce Adams Mowing at Steam Engine Grounds in Hamilton, MO 816-294-1230

Fri 16 Topeka Summer Carriage Auction Topeka, IN 260-593-2522

Fri 30 Sat July 1 Horse Progress Days Leola, PA 717-397-1051

JULY

Thurs-Sun 6-9 Mark Twain Old-Thresher's Paris, MO Angela Fields 573-721-5705

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Sat 15 Threshermen Penfield, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sat 15 Threshermen Bible Grove, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sat 22 Threshermen Altamont, Il Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Thurs-Sat July 27-Aug 5 Ozark Empire Fair Springfield, MO 417-833-2660 Fri 28 Pro Horse Pull 8:00 Macon, Mo Flywheel Reunion Sat 29 Threshermen Greenville, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 AUGUST Sat 5 Mule Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during www.lathropantique.com show Mon 7 Special Workhorse & Driving Horse Sale Kalona, IA 319-656-2222 Thurs-Sun 10-20-21 Missouri State Fair Sedalia, MO www.mostatefair.com Fri-Sun 11-13 Albert City, IA Threshermen Show 712-843-2076 Wed 16 Draft Horse Pull Missouri State Fair Joe Miller 5:00 Mathewson Center Thurs-Sun 10-20 Illinois State Fair Springfield, IL www.agr.state.il.us Thurs-Sun 10-20 Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA www.iowastatefair.org Sat 19 Threshermen Pinckneyville, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Fri-Mon Aug 25-Sept 4 Nebraska State Fair Grand www.statefair.org Island, NE Sat 26 Rantoul, IL Century of Progress Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Thurs 31- Mon Sept 4 Old Thresher's Mt. Pleasant, IA 319-385-8937 **SEPTEMBER** Thurs-Sun 7-10 Missouri River Valley Steam Show Boonville, MO Fri-Sun 8-17 Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, KS www.kansasstatefair.com Sat-Sat 9-16 SEMO Fair Cape Girardeau, MO 573-334-9250 Sat 9 Threshermen Highland, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Thurs-Sun 14-17 NE Mo Old Thresher's Shelbina, MO Jim Peters 660-291-9596

Thurs-Sun 14-24 Oklahoma State Fair Oklahoma City www.okstatefair.com Fri-Sat 29-30 Baumli's Draft Horse & Mule Sale Maryville, MO 660-652-4454

OCTOBER Tues-Fri 3-6 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale Waverly, IA 319-352-2804 Sat-Sun 7-8 Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days Gerald, MO 573-764-2629 Fri-Sun 13-15 Living History Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during show Sat 14 Plowing Dresden, TN Mike Turbeville Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Mon 16 Draft Horse Pull Kalona, IA 7:00 P.M. Joe Miller 573-682-0048 Mon-Tues 16-17 Kalona Fall Draft Horse & Carriage Sale Kalona, IA 319-656-2222 Fri-Sat 20-21 Plowing at Fall Festival at Steam Engine Show Grounds at Hamilton, MO Alicia Moggy 816-284-1654 Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show on FB Thurs-Sat 19-21 National & State Corn Husking Marshall, MO Sat 21 Scott Moorehouse Hay Day 18783 Jasmine Dr. Neosho, MO 417-312-0116 Sat 21 Rural Heritage Day St. Genevieve, MO Jack Donze 573-883-5687 Sat 21 Plowing White Hall, IL Kenny Wise Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sat 28 Plowing Waverly, IL Bill Edwards Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Tues 31- Fri Nov 3 Topeka Fall Draft Horse Sale Topeka, IN 260-593-2522

NOVEMBER Sat 4 Plowing Belleville, IL Tom Renner Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Sat 11 Crooked River Plowing Warrensburg, Mo Neal DeVasher 660-909-4738 DECEMBER Sat 2 25th Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade Lawrence, KS 11:00 A.M. Elaine VanDeventer evandeventer@embarq.mail 785-856-4437 Mon 25 Christmas- the birthday of our Savior

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





March Puzzle

Four Fjord Ponies are named after days fo the week that begin with the letter "T", yet no two of the names are the same.

How can that be? How long should a pony's legs be?

What is a horse's favorite hairstyle?

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2017 MDHMA Annual Meeting

















