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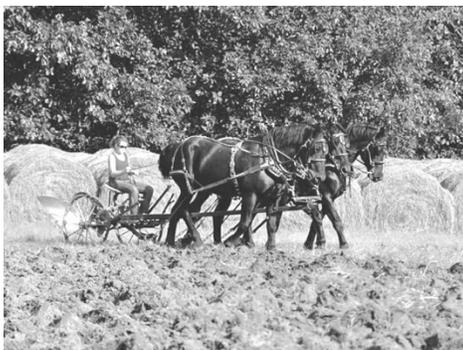
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We attended the Boonville Steam Show but left the Belgians at home due to the mud... no plowing no Belgians! The boys did well in the events and we had a great time despite the mud. And there was lots and lots and lots of mud!

Then we made it to Gail's plowing first weekend of October and had a wonderful time! Art's girls were spot on as usual and he was even pretty social! I plowed and ced with 3 on Saturday then had the boys stolen on Sunday. Shelby just left me! Although I was a little upset about standing at the end of the field by myself, I was super proud of the 3 of them! In addition to plowing Gail had a horse powered sorghum press, mule powered corn grinder, loading logs with horses demonstrations, Carl's 8 oxen hitch, wagon rides, a ton of animals to pet, lots of crafty demonstrations and Dare Devil Draft Roman riding. We wanted to thank Gail for a wonderful dinner and conversation Saturday evening!

The 15th of October we loaded everyone up and headed to Neosho for Scott Moorehouse's farming with horses event. Art and I plowed all day and had a great time! Dave and Cassie came out without horses (Dave says "never again!"). Shelby stole my plow and 3 horses this time! Again they put up hay using all horsepower which is still so impressive! In addition, there were wagon rides, a blacksmith, belt driven baler, discing, plowing, raking with a dump rake, loading loose hay with an accumulator, and using horses and a hay hook to load it into the barn. Art got his annual dose of ham and beans cooked over a fire. Scott was busy making bigger and better plans for next year when we had to head out!

Hope to see you all soon!
Art and Robyn Holtgrewe



A Note from our Secretary/Treasurer

Below are the October Meeting Minutes. Enjoy!

The meeting was called to order by President Billy Meyer at 10:03 am. There were 10 members present.

The last meeting minutes were printed in the September newsletter. Jim Cunningham made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Robyn Holtgrewe seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,968.14 in the bank account plus a little petty cash. Since the last meeting, the association has paid for registration with the State of Missouri and the printing and postage of the July and September newsletters. Robyn Holtgrewe made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Mila Cunningham seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Hats and shirts are still available for \$10 each.
- The association has been registered with the State of Missouri until 2018.

New Business

-Insurance needs to be renewed. The events covered have been reviewed. The following events will be covered in the 2017 year: Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days, Gerald, MO; New London Plowing Day, New London; MO, Neal's Plowing, Warrensburg, MO & Scott Moorehouse's Mow Days, Neosho, MO. If additional events need to be added, we can pay for them later. Jim Cunningham made a motion to pay for the insurance for the year, Robyn Holtgrewe seconded. Motion passed.



-A request for our association to sponsor a breakfast at the National Clydesdale Sale in St. Louis area in spring of 2017. Since the Belgian and Percheron jackets were sponsored through donations, this event will be through donations only also. An idea of doing a 50/50 raffle at the annual meeting was suggested to raise the money. The decision will be made next meeting after we have more detailed information.

Directors Reports

- President Billy Meyer presented jackets to the farm class winners at the Belgian Congress in Massachusetts. The class participants were happy with their jackets!
- There weren't many teams at Gail's Farming Days but the Holtgrewe's got a lot of discing done!
- Scott's Mow Days was a hit. There is a plan to continue to grow this day and do more next year. The Holtgrewe's were a hit plowing some ground at Scotts.

Other Business

- Robyn is going to make a basket to raffle to help pay for the Thursday night dinner at the MO State Fair in 2017.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2017, at the Cunningham Barn in Columbia, MO. Start time is 10:00am.
Jim Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, Robyn Holtgrewe seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

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**Annual Meeting will be Saturday
February 25, 2017 @ Cunningham
Barn**

A Note from our Youth Representatives

Hello all from your youth representative Shelby. We had a good time talking to everyone at Booville even though it was way too muddy to plow. I beat Wyatt in the feed race by like 2 seconds even after I fell. Mom also got 2nd place in the precision pulling. We had a fun time at Gail's plowing. Even I got to plow; it was really fun. Wyatt had fun running around with the other 2 Wyatt's. The following weekend we got a chance to go to a family event. It was OK. Wyatt got to help light some of the fireworks. He really had fun. We also had a great time at Scott Moorehouse's. I got to plow yet again even though I didn't even have a very straight furrow I was proud of myself. After his deal was over, we went to Erwin's house and left our girls (Dolly and Lilly) for the winter to give wagon rides. Last weekend, we went up to Erwin's house again and went on a wagon ride Saturday night with Dolly and Lilly after the meeting. We had a pretty small crowd at the meeting. It was still good to see those of you who made it to the meeting. Hope to see you all next time.

Your Youth Representative,
Shelby Holtgrewe

Greetings from Bobby and Genny Wright

Bobby and Mike are on their way home from the Kenny Wise Plowing near White Hall, Illinois. Attendance was way down as several of the teamsters are in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the big Belgian Show. Our dear old Millie and Ruby could have won another prize for Bobby there if they were still with us. The pastures still don't look right without them! Anyway, I am so proud of Bobby. He is less than 5 weeks out from total right shoulder replacement and he is right-handed! Dr. Jolly told him yesterday he might as well go out and plow, so he did just that today. He only took 2

 **2017 MDHMA Board Meeting** 

The Board Meeting is @ 10:00 AM
on Saturday **January 14, 2017**
at Cunningham barn, Columbia MO.
Everyone Welcome!

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rounds, but most people could not even begin to do that. That sure includes me! I was grooming a bit on our Great Pyrenees, Libby, and managed to hurt my back this morning. I guess we should have kept that sheep-shearing stand we used to have for jobs like that!

A lot of our time has been spent going back and forth to Macon for Bobby's Physical Therapy. He started that on Wednesday after his surgery on a Monday. Maybe that is why he is recovering so fast. It's no fun I know.

We did go down to Marshall to the Corn Shucking and planned to go on to the Draft Horse Pull at Chillicothe afterwards. We made it to Golden Corral for supper, but decided we had better go on home. Last weekend, we went to Lathrop for the Pull and got to visit with a few folks that we don't see very often. Jean Adams gave us a Percheron calendar to give to Lyndell Galloway. He and his pulling team were featured in one of the big pictures. By the time he went to buy one, the calendar was sold out, so Jean thought he should have her copy. Such a thoughtful idea! We had planned to take it to Lyndell on our way to Mexico to see Dr. Jolly. Luckily, Bobby heard that the traffic would be bad because of the Luke Bryan concert. So, we went through Paris and managed to miss all that. I'm glad the weather was so good and it didn't rain on the concertgoers.

The Missouri State Fair was enjoyable this year as the weather was a bit cooler than usual. We were there for the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon Draft Horse Shows. The 8-horse hitches were so exciting and we do hope that class can be continued. We got to visit with the judge at breakfast Sunday morning. As he was from Canada and so was my mom, we had something in common beside our love of Draft horses.

I don't know much else. The Fall Plowings are in full swing and I pray the weather and fields are good for all of them!

Don't forget the Lawrence, Kansas Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3 at 11 in the morning. It is well worth the trip even if you aren't participating.

Enjoy this wonderful cooler weather everyone and Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas to all!

Bristle Ridge Percherons

Early to bed, early to rise and the rest is history in the making. On September 30, 2016, at approximately 12:00 p.m. (or an hour or two later) the four amigo's (Billy & Elsie Meyer, Terri & myself) all hopped aboard the 1990's Bounder R.V. & headed east to Fryeburg, Maine, the world's largest agricultural county fair. Oct 2-Oct 8, 2016 (8 days) of nonstop camping, eating & organized fun at your fingertips from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. with 100 permanent buildings, 3,000 camping sites & 3,000,000 attending the fair annually. The fair is presented by the West Oxford Agricultural Society incorporated June 3, 1851 (originally nine main towns were included with six New Hampshire towns added in 1888). They have been at the present location for 30 years and now celebrating 166 years.



We ate fried food of any and all nature & the portions were for two or a small family of 4. Breadbowl with New England Clam Chowder (to die for). Donuts were as large as a dinner plate & always hot & fresh D E L I C I O U S!

We watched oxen pulls, horse pulls, horse races, pig & calf races & laughed until we cried. There was chainsaw & handsaw competitions along with axe throwing competitions by both men & women first timers & champion against champion. Watched the adrenaline flow both by the competitors & the audience.

The 4H had a riding horse, dairy goats, steer, rabbits, llama, oxen, hog & lamb shows. However we did it all, we saw it all but...the skillet throw, wreath making, whoopee pie, blueberry dessert contest & the flower show. Maybe next time.

The funniest things we saw were the Society Pig scramble: 10 baby pigs, 12 random school children 8-10 yrs old armed with a burlap bag & string - chasing 4 legs at a high rate of speed running from one end of the arena to the other tripping, rolling, laughing, crying, screaming, squealing by pigs &



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children - until captured & strategically placed into the bag & tied with the string. The calf event was also run the same way however a rope to place around the neck safely until all calves were captured & held safely. In both events, the two that did not get an animal were given \$25.00 to do with what they wished. The owners of the new pet got to take them home feed, water, give t.l.c. & return next year to show off at the fair. (These events were done 3 x's each during the fair).

There were 2, 4, 6 & 8 horse hitches with Percheron, Brabants, Clydes, Halflinger, Fjords & Belgian horses. The oxen were small, large, x-large, & HUMONGOUS! There were museums, live entertainment, and a midway with any ride you desired. Did I mention the barkers trying to reel you in to play their games?

The final & most spectacular was the largest parade ever, a car show, several marching bands, Shriners with funny cars & clowns with too much more to list or I just can't remember. If you ever wish to see it October 1-8, 2017 will be the next show & worth seeing - at least put it on your bucket list.

On Monday Oct 10 we jumped up pulled everything together & headed to Kennybunkport, Maine to see the ocean, put our toe in the water, watch the surfers attempt to catch a wave, pick up rocks & sea shells, watch the sea gulls, & take lots of pictures of the ocean, blue skies, leaf peeping & the beautiful old homes.



We then traveled to Springfield, MA for a week at the Big E the Belgian Extravaganza where the 2, 4, 6 & 8 horse hitches competed the best of the best. We saw the farm team events in walking & riding plows, obstacle course with talking, laughter

& more, such as walking to anything & everything (Did I mention more eating). It was good to see our friends Bill & Celia, Jack & Diane, Mila & Jim and our other friends we met along the way thru the years.



Opening Ceremonies with Unicorn Hitch &



Youth halter class.

Mila Cunningham invited Terri to take a drive to Cummington, MA, to do a little genealogy. The girls were gone all day & took lots of foto's along the way. Terri says it was a really good day with lots to see & the trees were peaked to perfection, what a gift God has given to us all.



On Monday we once again rolled everything up & headed west to Kalona, Iowa to a fall sale where we spent 5 or so hours (no Billy & I didn't buy any horses or any plows nor were any brought home). We headed once again to our home state another 6 hrs away. I can honestly say we had a good time, but I'm thinking we need our own R.V. to take our next vacation. Hmmm where could that be Billy & Elsie & thanks again for sharing our adventure!



See you soon

Neal & Terri DeVasher



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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.

From Witness Tree Land & Livestock Farm—

First, let me give a big, appreciative shout-out to all the wonderful members who participated in our 20th anniversary event. Whether driving, plowing, riding, or just bringing your teams for everyone to admire, we love you all for spending your weekend with us, and we hope that you had a great time!

The weather for the occasion, and the whole week before, could not have been more perfect, and for that I am immensely grateful. As luck would have it, I fell and broke a rib 3 weeks prior to the event. After cussing myself out for being so stupid, the challenge of getting everything ready the rest of the way became something of a real struggle, as anyone with a rib injury can attest. Lifting or moving anything turns into an exercise in strategy--it has to get done, but you don't want to hurt yourself further by doing it. However, lifting and moving stuff is 3/4ths of the event preparation, so at least having that last week of awesome weather made a huge difference by having the luxury of being able to move a little slower and more carefully and still get the job done. BTW, I wore a wide compression belt with magnets imbedded in it while the rib was mending, and I am convinced it sped up the healing process by at least 50%, so FYI if this ever happens to you!

Things on the farmstead are turning in the direction of winterization. Now is when I go around checking water hydrants to make sure they are not leaking at the handle, and wrapping the exposed pipe of the hydrants to insulate them. For the ones that are near an electric outlet, we wrap an electric tape around the pipe, then cover it with a section of that foam pipe insulation (looks like a pool noodle). For good measure, and going all out expense-wise (ha-ha), I then layer plastic bags around the pipe noodle, and tape the whole thing with the Handyman's Secret Helper, duct tape. Same process for the hydrants not near an outlet, only without a heat tape. This has

worked exceedingly well since we implemented this method a few years ago.

Along with that, we test the tank heaters each year to make sure they are working well before plunking them into the water and the ground along each gate is dug out a little to allow for the ground heaving when it freezes. I absolutely hate not being able to open a gate all the way, or having it frozen to the ground, so digging it out ahead of time saves me that aggravation.

And the last winter prep in the farmyard is picking up or raking away anything laying on the ground that could get hidden in the snow, only to show up later when you TRIP OVER IT!! Ask me how I know this....

The fly masks are off finally, the coats are just starting to take on a fluffier look, and still the grass is green! Talk about an odd autumn.....but we'll take it. Dennis is STILL cutting and baling hay as I write this.

Again, thanks to all and look forward to seeing everyone in the months to come!

In the Spirit of Teamwork,
Gail and Dennis

Greetings from Northwest Missouri!

Fall is Mother Natures chance to show off her color pallet and it is starting to happen. I enjoy the cooler air but dread winter! Booneville was a muddy mess and not a plow went in the ground but we still enjoyed the company and time together. My family has not fared well as my Uncle who had the massive stroke while I was at Booneville passed away and my Dad while getting ready to go to funeral fell and broke his hip. So we have been dealing with this and making some hard decisions. Katherine Hepburn said getting old was not for sissies and I believe it.

Larry and I helped The King of Sorghum and crew make sorghum last Saturday at Buckner. Good eats and company made for a nice day. Thanks to all who helped before and after and for all the hard work that makes the finished product!

Did not get to go to Waverly Draft Sale this fall. So far behind in work here on the place and with my Dads situation that I stayed home but Larry went. He thought prices were softer but they usually are in



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the fall. . Hope all is well so I can go next spring. Larry did see some of the people we made acquaintance with from Albert City, Iowa plowing. I recorded the Rural Heritage show that was about the plowing there but was disappointed that it was mainly about Farmer Brown. It was such a neat event and I wish they had more shown of the actually plowing and the horses and teamsters involved.

Last weekend was the Lathrop Small Farm Reunion and again it was too muddy to plow so we gave wagon rides along with Mike and Rhonda Bonnet and their draft mules. Larry enjoys cowboy cooking and Mike had his chuck wagon there so we had a good time. Everyone seemed appreciative of the opportunity to ride in a horse drawn wagon and I always like the Sunday service in the church there on the grounds.

The premiere for the documentary of Order 11 that myself, Cassie, Denise and Jean Adams were in is Saturday at Arrow Rock, Mo at the Lyceum theater. Its also Larry's birthday so we'll have a good time and see ourselves up on the big screen too.

Had a hernia repaired on a colt and he got along well. Things at the stockyards have been pretty slow but that's ok, as I have allotted to tend to here on the place. I like to clean fence rows now cause they don't grow back for a while. We have several scheduled carriage rides for the holidays already to drive for Duncan Carriages. Its fun unless its real cold! Well not much else to tell; hope you enjoy my rambling and looking forward to seeing everyone soon! As always the gate here is open for friends and their horses. It's hard work for me to keep the furrows in my life and field straight!

Valerie and the E 7 critters

B.C.'s Belgians

On October 6th, Bill and I left for West Springfield, Massachusetts. We met up with Jack and Dianna Phillips and they followed in their car. Our first stop was in Mansfield, OH at Jack's nephews, he had a pasture that the girls (Grace and Loly) could stretch their legs in, they were happy to be out of the trailer. We hit the road again the next morning and drove to Newark, NY. Spent the night at a beautiful

stable and again the girls had a pasture to roam in. We arrived in West Springfield the next afternoon and settled in for the week. The show started with the halter classes and then the hitch classes. There were many entries in most of the classes. The farm classes started on the Friday with the plowing events. Bill placed first in the riding plow competition and 2nd in the walking plow. He also competed in the obstacle, feed team race and the log skid events. He was very happy with the results and came home with a pewter plate and four ribbons. He also received a embroidered jacket from the Missouri Draft Horse Association. Many thanks to all who helped us: Jack & Dianna, Neal & Terri, Billy & Elsie and Jeremy & Ann Nafziger.

A big thank you to Terri and Elsie for the birthday cake and ice cream. It was a big surprise. The trip home was beautiful as the colors had changed and were spectacular. What a wonderful adventure this was and Bill can mark this one off of his bucket list.

Happy trails to all, Bill and Celia Edwards



Walking plow



Sulky plowing



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2016

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 Cancelled

DECEMBER

Sat 3 Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade Lawrence, KS 11:00 A.M. Elaine VanDeventer

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Fri 16 Show-Me Draft & Driving Horse Sale Weanlings and Yearlings Barnett, MO Ridgewood Farms Robert Sparrow 573-280-8129

Sun 18 Crooked River Live Nativity- Frye Farms Produce Market 15823 E. US 24 Hwy. West of 291 Hwy 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Rick Frye 660-238-5197

Sun 25 Christmas- the birthday of our Savior

2017

JANUARY

Sat 14 MDHMA Board Meeting will be @ Cunningham Barn

FEBRUARY

Sat 25 Sat MDHMA Annual Meeting will be @ Cunningham Barn

2018

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

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.



Medals won by Bill Edwards

From Our Kitchen to Yours: New England Clam Chowder

- 6 Tbsp margarine or butter
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 2 cups chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1 cup peeled and diced potatoes
- 1 lb fresh or frozen shucked clams
- 1 Tbsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tsp salt

Melt margarine/butter in a skillet. Add the celery, garlic, onions, & sauté over medium heat for 3-5 minutes, until celery is tender. Melt the remaining margarine/butter in a large saucepan & stir in the flour. Cook over medium heat for a few minutes, until the mixture starts to brown. Gradually add the skim milk, stirring rapidly to prevent lumps from forming. Add the potatoes & cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the sautéed vegetables, clams, thyme, & salt. Simmer until the potatoes are tender.

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.

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