



# Missouri Draft Horse & Mule Association, Inc. Newsletter

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**A Note from our President:**

Well, I hope this finds everyone in fine fiddle. I am a little short in my newsletter this time so will be brief.

My job at the state fair messed up my summer so I don't have much to report. We went to the Jamesport school sale the first week of July here I ate too much, bought very little so it was a good sale.

The last of July we went to the Ozark Empire fair for the Saturday night show, and finely got to present Jim Sheehy his member of the year jacket. Congratulations Jim!

So until next time, keep a tight line and be safe in your travels.

In the spirit of teamwork  
Billy & Elsie Meyer

**A Note from our Vice President:**

Well show season is over for us for the year. Time to pull scotches and replace them with kegs for plowing! We have no break this year till November!

All of the exhibitors that joined us for our now annual dinner Thursday night at the Missouri state fair wanted to thank everyone for supplying the dinner! I do have to say it is very difficult to determine how much to bring to make sure no one goes hungry. I guessed too much again but would rather have everyone leave with leftovers than have to turn someone away! Thank you to everyone who helped me make it happen and for those who took some leftovers!

We so enjoy the company and environment at the shows,

it is such a great group of people! I am sorry if I missed talking to you but there just never seems like there is enough time to catch up with everyone and get done what must be done.

Well I am sorry this is so short but I exhausted so I will do better next time!

Plow season here we come!

Robyn and Art Holtgrewe

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

Below are the last meeting's minutes. Enjoy!

The meeting was held on July 9, 2016 at the Cunningham Barn in Columbia, MO.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by President Billy Meyer.



The last meeting minutes were printed in the May newsletter. Neal DeVasher motioned to approve the last meeting minutes, Dave Eichman seconded. Motion passed.

A \$1,460.68 balance was reported in the treasurer's report. Expenses from last meeting: DHJ ad, MO State Fair class sponsorship, May & June newsletter printing and postage. Jim Cunningham motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Jim Sheehy seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

-Jim Sheehy, member of the year was in attendance at the meeting. He was recognized as member of the year since he was not able to attend the annual meeting.

-Shirts and hats are still available for sale.

**New Business**

-We did not need to renew our registration with the State of Missouri last year since we are on a biennial registration schedule. Need to renew this year instead of last. Neal DeVasher motioned to approve the renewal registration, Jim Sheehy seconded. Motion passed.

-Just a reminder, State Fair entries due soon.

-Just information, Ozark entries already due.



### Events to Mention

- There won't be a Prairie Home show for the drafts this year. There are no classes for the drafts.
- Boone County will possibly have a draft horse show, a horse pull, not a show per Jim Cunningham.
- Getting lots of entries for plowing in Albert City, Iowa. It's supposed to be a big event.

### Directors Reports

- Neal Devasher reported that his plow days went GREAT. There was a really good turnout. "Thanks for everyone stepping up and keeping everything going", said Neal.
- Neal DeVasher also reported that there may not be a plow days at Rick's in Buckner, MO this fall. There has been a change in the farming program. We plowed on some non-Frye ground last year, and it will likely be late corn this year. Up in the air on what we can actually do this year.

### Other Business

- The annual meeting has been decided. The annual meeting will be **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. This date will be added to the DHJ ad for the winter edition since the date has already been decided on.

### Next Meeting

- October 22, 2016, Cunningham Barn, 10 am start time.

Jim Sheehy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Neal DeVasher seconded. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

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### MDHMA Board Meeting



The next Board Meeting will be 10 AM on Saturday October 22, 2016 at Cunningham Barn Columbia MO

Everyone Invited!

### Greetings from Bobby and Genny Wright:

It's another hot day in Missouri. The weekend is supposed to be a lot cooler, so we should be able to really enjoy being at the Fair. We had planned to go today to the Draft Horse Pull; but we had a late night and decided to just stay home.

My mouse which is the one from my first home computer so it is at least 13 years old is acting crazy and I really thought everything was going to crash yesterday. It fixed itself overnight, but I don't think it will last too long. I hope to get a new mouse this evening!

Bobby and Mike Ewigman got to go to Albert City, Iowa over the weekend to participate in the successful attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the number of horses plowing at the same time. They needed 85 and there were either 120 or 122, depending on who was counting. It won't be official for awhile yet, but I don't think there is any doubt that they got the job done. There are lots of pictures on Facebook. I really like the ones that show just how much it was raining while it was happening. Bobby was so impressed by the amount of things going on and the number of old tractors and other machinery, so we may make a trip up there next year.

I don't know much else, so will quit while this computer is still working. I hope everyone has a wonderful fall and may God bless our great country once again!

### Bristle Ridge Percherons

In August, Dave Eichman, Cassie Cronin, Terri & I took a little drive to the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield, MO.

For a small area to have a fair, it was definitely jam packed with all the whistles, bells, & big top entertainment. In other words, cart class, 2 horse, youth & up and 4 horse hitches were very talented, gorgeous, & quite show for both horses and drivers. Congratulations to all who participated **YOU ALL ARE WINNERS!**

Here are the results for farm classes.

**Feed Team Race:** Neal DeVasher/Fred, Julianne Klein/Hunter, Makala Redeker/Ben & Dave Eichman/Cassie Cronin



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**Obstacle Course:** Makala Redeker, Dave Eichman, Neal DeVasher & Hope Redeker

On August 14, Rod Malchow, his sister Tammy & I met up with Dave Eichman & Kenny Brison to become part of the Guinness Book of World Records aka Albert City Thresherman Show. I think it was a biblical event of Raining 40 days as we needed a boat & all of us animals were wet head to toe & mud up to (use your imagination) my ears. Our members & friend Kevin Vering sent us a site if you wish to read the article.

[www.stormlakepilottribune.com/story/2330755.html](http://www.stormlakepilottribune.com/story/2330755.html)

Also there were several fotos listed on Facebook & the rain was most evident in those fotos. Quite the muddy mess that "Did not wash out very easily" my wife added. Several of MDHMA members were part of this history-making article. I think the title should of read " I survived the Guinness World Record by Storm". What's your thoughts??!!

The Missouri State Fair has now come & gone with yet another show of outstanding 2 horse, unicorn, 4 horse & 8 horse hitches filling the ring as the final days show brought a nice crowd. The states represented this year were Washington, Indiana, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan & Missouri. Those teams were best in everything they did & gave a show to remember.

Thanks to Robyn & Art Holtgrewe for the meal Thursday night for all the teamsters after a long drive to the show grounds. The thank you's were ongoing & I was told it was fit for the king. If you left hungry, it was your own fault because their was plenty & plenty for seconds. Good job Robyn & Art & Shelby for the clean up.

Traveling trophies winners:

**Feed Team Race:** Jullian Klein/Hunter

**Farm Team Class:** Doyle Prawl/Jeremy

**Obstacle Course:** Dave Eichman

Thank you to all of our members & friends who participated we couldn't have done these races without you & we all couldn't have laughed & cheered you on while having a great ole time. It does take lots of work to have fun.

See you all at Boone County Draft Horse Sale - Sedalia, MO and MO Valley Steam Engine Show, Boonville, MO.

See you soon

Bristle Ridge Percherons  
Neal & 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.

## From Witness Tree Land & Livestock Farm--

First, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for the great honor of receiving the Lynch Pin award. I know I was rambling a bit up there and probably not making a lot of verbal sense, but I was completely and utterly taken aback. Thank you all for that truly humbling show of support.

Like probably everyone else reading this, we have been slugging through a hot, humid summer. Trying to keep the critters at the very least comfortable has been a challenge. My stallion's new favorite spot is right in front of the hose mister virtually all day long. I would do the same thing on those disgustingly sticky days too, if I could get away with it. But a cold, soaking wet bath towel wrapped around my neck and shoulders like a cape (yes, OVER my clothes, ha!) helps me function without wilting too badly and keeps the day from being a total wipeout.

Robyn posted a pretty interesting-looking, and apparently pretty effective, horsefly trap on Facebook, and I'm planning on putting one or two together and give them a try. The doggone pests are just relentless, so it's time to level the playing field and hopefully steer them away from my poor horses and mule. I have found that "Endure" fly spray is pretty darned good at repelling the winged demons, but that trap should certainly reduce the numbers flying around them.

Hope to make it to the state fair for one day of the hitch classes. Without someone to watch the farm, one day is about all we can plan on, but it's still a great time. I imagine we'll see some familiar faces lurking in the horse barn, so even better!

I'm looking forward to seeing the article in Rural Heritage about our own Carl Heth. Joe Mischka came down to interview Carl and film him as he put his 8 young calves through the paces while yoked to a cart. Carl's friend Ron and I got to assist in this process, which went pretty smoothly start to finish. Carl is one of those people who has forgotten more than I will ever learn, so picking his brain is a delight as well as a privilege!

I was really shocked to hear of Ricky LaValley's passing. He and I had a really nice conversation at the meeting about our Brabants and the ABA, and



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his enthusiasm about the breed was evident. My sincere condolences to his family, he will sure be missed in the organization.

I know we all share the heartache felt by the Redeker family in the loss of their Clydesdale, Mr. Glen. Such an unexpected turn of events that no one could have predicted. Loving them is the easy part, but letting them go will never be. Carry on, Mac, you did him proud and loved him totally. That's the most anyone on this earth can do.

I hope to see many of you (ALL of you would be great, haha!) at the 20th year of the Mid-Missouri Horse, Mule, & Ox Farming and Historical Crafts Days here in Gerald. There should be a copy of the flyer in this newsletter. Bring your teams, or singles, your favorite implement, wagon, cart, or just line drive in our very long field. We give out lunch coupons and attendance gifts as a small token of our appreciation for your participation, and do our best to add new and different things to make the weekend fun for everybody. For me personally, it's another chance to visit with friends of like mind that I may otherwise not see for months as we go about our daily lives. And, oh yeah, please pray for awesome weather for Oct. 1 & 2!

In the Spirit of Teamwork,  
Gail and Dennis

## Greetings from Northwest Missouri!

It's hard to believe that fall is fast approaching, seems like summer just started! I've had a lot of excitement since I last wrote and I guess the best news is that I became a GRANDMOTHER for the first time! Everett Gabriel arrived July 6 weighing in at 6.4 lbs and 19 inches. We were surprised at how small he was as my son Caleb is 6'8" and his wife Mary is 6', but Everett is growing like a weed and already weighs 12.8 lbs. I got to spend nine days with them in San Francisco where they live, nice place to visit but not live! Larry came in on the last weekend and we had a great time. Tried to sneak Everett home in my suitcase but he cried and his mother heard him.

My mare Pearl dropped her foal on July 18, another male of course! All went well and I named him Scout. Unfortunately Pearl did not breed back in foal heat so back she goes to the stud next spring. Should have a mule foal and a mini donkey baby next spring. Will be looking forward to that!

Larry, myself, Doyle Prawl and his grandson Wyatt went up to Albert City, IA to take part in the activities. We went on the 2-day wagon train for starters, we took three Fjords and Doyle took four mules. The first day of the wagon train was hot and dusty! Larry and Doyle drove their chuck wagons and I rode Dutch. We went 15 miles the first day with 22 various wagons, that night it rained 3 inches! The next day, 9 wagons went 11 miles in the rain and cold into the Threshermens grounds. The wind had destroyed the three horse tents that had been set up to put horses under and everywhere was a quarmire! There was a parade of breeds each day that we drove in. Friday night during the draft pony show, I swamped for Donna Meyers, a farrier from IL in the women's division in the feed team race. It was fun but the bales were really heavy!

Saturday the sun came out and the attempt to break the record of horses plowing was changed from 3 to 4 pm to give the ground more time to dry out. It was an AWESOME experience! 122 horses took to the field and we had just started plowing and here came the rain! I could hardly see, but only one team was disqualified so if all goes accordingly, we broke the old record of 84 horses that Northern Ireland had set with 120 horse here in the good ole USA. The mules took to the field on Sunday afternoon to set a mule record with 27 mules as there was not any previous record for mules so they are hoping to set one. Results are pending as all info, pics & videos have to be verified by Guinness world record people. Dave Eichman and I ran the potato digger which Doyle pulled with his mules in the kids potato patch. You would have thought it was an Easter egg hunt the way those kids hunted for those potatoes! Neat idea and a great way to educate kids on how their food is produced. Despite the weather, it was a great time and Missouri can be proud of the horse and mule teamsters who were there!

Well another state fair has come and gone and the weather was very cooperative this year. Congrats to all who competed, placed or won. We took a Fjord who had never been to the fair before and it was interesting, Dutch saw a lot of new things he was not too sure about! It takes a lot of people to make it all happen, from hauling equipment to unloading and reloading and am proud of how we all work together as a team to make it work. Better close for now and climb on the tractor and mow pastures. The gate is always open for friends and their horses. Hope to see everyone at Boonville, take care and keep the furrows in your life and fields straight,

Valerie and the E7 critter



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## **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.

### 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 10 Draft Horse Pull Milton, IA 1:00 P.M. Joe Miller 573-682-0048**

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)

**Sat 17 Draft Horse Pull Shelbina, MO 7:00 P.M. Joe Miller 573-682-0048**

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 Plowing at South Farm Showcase Columbia, MO Tim<sup>5</sup>at reinbolt@missouri.edu**

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~~ **CANCELLED**

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~~ **CANCELLED**

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

Sat 15 Scott Moorehouse Hay Day 18783 Jasmine Dr. Neosho, MO 417-312-0116

**Mon 17 Draft Horse Pull Kalona, IA 7:00 P.M. Joe Miller 573-682-0048**

Mon-Tues 17-18 Kalona Fall Draft Horse & Carriage Sale Kalona, IA 319-656-2222

~~Sat 22 Rural Heritage Day St. Genevieve, MO Jack Donze 573-883-5687~~ Probably cancelled check with Jack.

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 New London Plowing New London, MO Bobby Wright 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 World Percheron Congress Des Moines, IA State Fairgrounds**

**Oct 8-13 So glad it will be close to us again!**



**From Our Kitchen to Yours :**

**Cheeseburger & Fries Casserole**

- 2 lb lean ground beef
- 1 (10.75 oz) can Cheddar Cheese soup condensed
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 oz) pkg. frozen French Fries
- salt, pepper & garlic powder
- 1 (10.75oz) Cream of Mushroom soup
- 2 cups Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Combine ground beef, onion in a skillet over medium heat. Cook stirring occasionally until beef no longer pink & onions are translucent. Drain off excess grease & season salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste. Stir in cheddar cheese & mushroom soups until well blended. Heat through & remove from stove. Transfer to a 9"x13" pan. Cover ground beef mixture with french fries. Bake 25-30 minutes until fries are golden brown. Sprinkle cheese return to oven, bake until cheese has melted.

**Another Name answers:**

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| 1. Square Booth            | Box Stall     |
| 2. Oceanscone              | Seabiscuit    |
| 3. Cool Air Current Equine | Draffhorse    |
| 4. Striking Sequence       | Picking Order |
| 5. Circle Distasteful      | Ring Sour     |
| 6. Perspiration Remover    | Sweat Scraper |
| 7. Sodium Chunk            | Salt Block    |
| 8. Barn Cut                | Stable Clip   |
| 9. ExhibitPersonBoat       | Showmanship   |



Congrats to Ali Lent  
Ex-MDHMA Youth Representative graduates!

Jim Sheehy & grandchildren take 1st place in the dress a horse class. The Super-Hero's have arrived!



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.

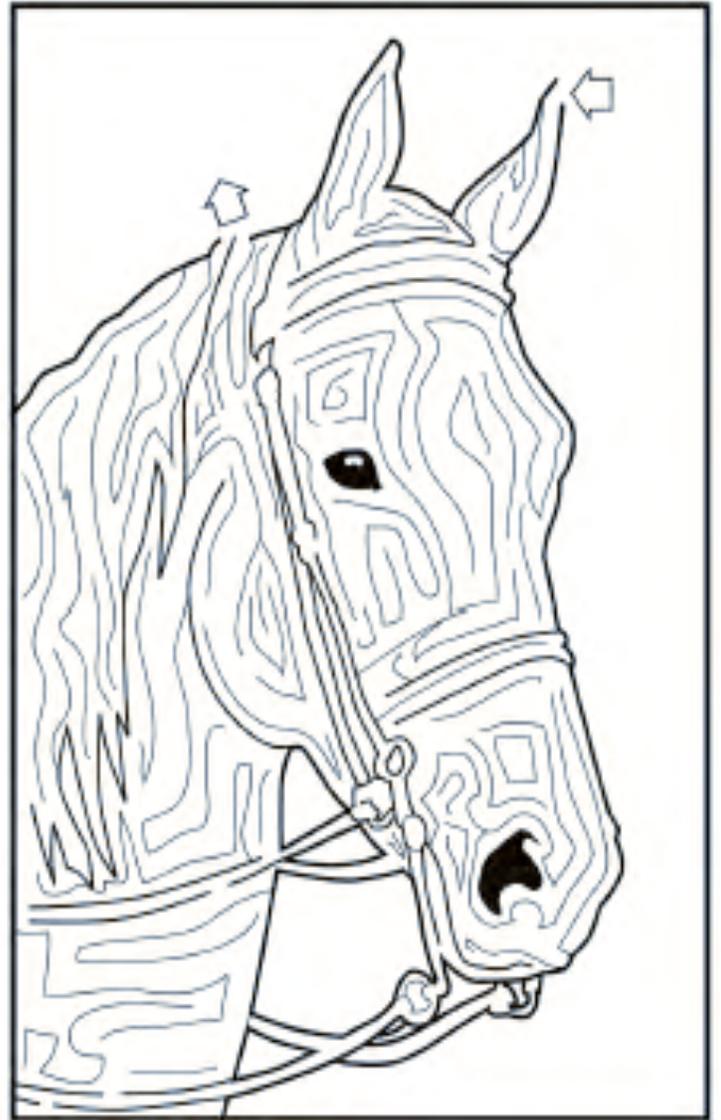


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If you have items for sale or looking for an item,  
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in our MDHMA newsletter



## Enjoy Horse Maze Fun





**20th Annual Mid-Missouri Horse, Mule, & Ox Farming and  
Historical Crafts Days 2016**

**Saturday Oct. 1---10 am to 5 pm**

**Sunday Oct. 2---10 am to 3 pm**

**Demonstrations of All Types of Pioneer and Homestead Skills!**

Sorghum Pressing---Molasses Cooking---Stone Masonry---Spinning--- Soapmaking---  
Foot-Powered Wood Lathe---Kathy's Vintage Kitchen--- Kick-Wheel Pottery---Spinning---  
Beekeeping--- Children's Primitive Games & Toys---Weaving---Native American Artifacts--  
And Much More!! (Listing Subject to Change)

Draft Animals in the Field and Powering the Cane Mill, Corn Grinder,  
Horsepower Unit and Loading Logs!  
Wagon Rides!

Meet Mule Man, Author, and Woodcarver Walter Schlemper!  
Meet Ox Drover and Teamster Carl Heth!



Special Demonstration by Michaela Redeker and Her Daredevil Drafts!  
Special Appearance by Candy, Medicine Woman for the Overhill Cherokee Nation!

Live Bluegrass & Gospel Music by Miz Terry Lipel!

Turner's Dutch Oven Chuckwagon Cooking! Bryan's BBQ and Jerky!  
Thom-Thom's Kettle Corn! Fresh Funnel Cakes! and MORE Treats!

**PUBLIC ADMISSION--\$6 for Ages 6 to Adult; Ages 5 & under, Free!**  
**PLEASE NOTE: ATV'S, ALCOHOL, OR PETS (even on leash) NOT ALLOWED!**

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