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A Note from our President:

Hello everyone here we are again. Its time for the newsletter and I just got the last one done. It has been a good winter. We have been pretty busy doing this and that. We went to Boonville show grounds and sowed oats with a lot of help. I won't say who the people were because I would miss someone and that would not be good. Now to get the corn planted. In Feb, we went to the IL teamster's dinner at Yoder's kitchen. I got a lot of visiting & great food. Thank you Bill and Celia Edwards for all your hospitality. Then it was off to Spud's plowing. Thank you, Tom and Lorrie for all the good food and visiting with everyone. Next it will be plowing at the Turkey Farm in Columbia MO on the 29th of April. Then it is off to Neal's plowing the first full weekend of May where Dusty will out do himself with his smokers. Then it is mow the grass and cut weeds until the fall run starts. So until the next time, keep a tight line.

In the spirit of team work
Billy and Elsie Meyer

A Note from our Vice President:

Happy Spring! Well, we have had a considerable amount of rain so far this season but it has not stopped us! We are halfway done with spring cleaning and setting up for our horse traveling season; and hope to finish it all up this weekend

because we have places to be and people to see! We are getting the horses in shape and cleaned up.... There is lots of hair and mud flying on a regular basis around our place but tis the season.

Late February we caught up with the rest of the Youth Representatives to take the picture for the Journal Ad and the webpage. Let me tell you those girls are a riot when you get them all together! We got a ton of pictures some that were great and some that just make you laugh! With the 4 of them, it was a challenge to get them all to look at the camera and smile at the same time, but we did get a couple. We managed to finish up just before the rain started again and headed back in opposite directions.

The first weekend of April we headed to Spud's Memorial Plowing with Tom and Lori and as usual had a wonderful time! We were a little concerned about the ground conditions due to the crazy amount of rain that we had the week leading up to the plowing but despite the parking limitations the ground plowed wonderfully! I still feel horrible about the mess my horses made in his driveway! The plowing was great and so was getting to see everyone that we had missed so much through the winter months. Shelby plowed the whole time. We mixed teams up a bit in the morning to see what would work out best and I think we found good combinations for plowing. If we don't get a bigger trailer soon, Art will never get to use a riding plow again as there is only room for 2 riders and 1 walking plow in the Aluminum trailer. It was great to see Tom and Lori again and as usual the hospitality and food were amazing!

We are planning on heading to the Turkey Farm Plowing in Columbia and then Neal's the following weekend and so the Adventure begins! Hope to see you down the Road!!!
Robyn Holtgrewe

WebPage News-I have a pretty good start on the webpage and if you have not checked it out



recently please do! I would appreciate some help on the "Member Profile" page. I have not intentionally left anyone out and would love to have lots more but it is hard for me to find pictures of you and your horses doing your thing and I really hate doing the write-ups on everyone because it's supposed to be your profile. So, check out the webpage and send me a couple pictures and a write-up and I will add you in! I have been trying to feature events on the welcome page so if you go to an event that I can't make it to and take some pictures send me an email with the pictures and a write-up and I will post it for you. I have been keeping the calendar of events up to date on the site but am planning on re-working it a bit to make it more user friendly when I get some spare time.

Art, Robyn & Wyatt Holtgrewe



Robyn Holtgrewe riding



Art Holtgrewe walking.

A Note from our Secretary/Treasurer

Hope everyone is getting their teams up and going! We are working a new mule into the mix since earlier this spring we lost our best mule, Beauty. We definitely won't ever be able to replace her and we'll never forget her. The four mules that we plow with are now all different colors! Yikes! This also means there is more of a push to get our green broke mules broke so I will have a matching team to do weddings with again. That means we've got our hands full for now!

I have no minutes to report as we have not had a meeting since the last newsletter.

Hope to see you all soon!

Cassie Cronin

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2017 MDHMA Board Meeting



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

Directions: www.missouridraffhorse.com

A Note from Youth Representatives

Hello from your youth representatives, Hailey, Holly, Jeanie, and me. 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. New Year's 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



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Hansen's house to visit and the most recent time 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 Terri DeVasher for Member of the Year, Kenny Penton for the Lynch Pin award, and Genny Wright for the Facebook participation awards. 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



Youth Representatives

Front Row: Hailey Herschberger, Jeanie Moss, Holly Herschberger
Back Row: Shelby Holtgrewe



Greetings from Bobby and Genny Wright:

Boy, am I getting old. Mila had to send me a reminder about sending in my article. I had thought about it last week and convinced myself it wasn't due until next month!

My sister and I took a short bus trip to Nashville this month. It may have been our best one yet. Maybe because it was the first one since she went through the ordeals with her heart and then uterine cancer. The weather was perfect so I didn't get hot and she didn't get cold! We went to the Grand Ole Opry and the only song I knew was "Elvira"! The Oak Ridge Boys were not on the schedule, but they came out and sang that song. I had heard of most of the other performers, but just don't listen to what they call country nowadays. "Chew tobacco, chew tobacco, chew tobacco, spit" just doesn't do much for me. It was good to see a lot of young people there and all being very respectful to the older folks around them. I got to stand in the famous Circle at the Ryman and at the Opry. I would have sung a verse of something if I had been given the chance. At least, I think I would have! My shy me might have come out!

Bobby and Mike went to Spud's Plowing and had a great time. Tom and Lori are always so good to both of them. Thanks to Doyle for bringing Bobby's glasses to Hannibal to the Rocket. Son-in-law Tom Murphy got to meet some of our draft horse friends and he was quite impressed and we were thankful he only lives a mile or two from there and was willing to go get the glasses.

We finally got some good rains here and may have more soon. For a while, we wondered if the faucet was ever going to turn off. It was over 80 yesterday and is not supposed to get over 50 day after tomorrow! God knows what he's doing though. He just makes it very interesting sometimes.

I don't know much else, so will get this off to Mila. Hope everybody has a wonderful spring 2017 and see you somewhere down the line.



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Bristle Ridge Percherons

As we are definitely among the birds, bees, flowers & trees, it is a start of spring & the plowing season. Ladies & gentlemen start your plows into the furrow we must go! (I can feel the excitement for sure by all.)

It is a MUST that you mark your calendars for the events you wish to participate in. I've found if it is on the calendar I can usually go dig in the dirt with no questions asked. (No taking out the trash, no honey do this or honey do that or however that saying goes.)

Spuds memorial plow (Tom & Lori Eldridge) went well, even though the rain was in plenty. The plowing was great, the ground had enough moisture that no mud was sticking to the plow if so it was minimal. Tom & Lori we wish to Thank You. We all had a great time. The food was foundering & delicious as always!

"The traveling Plow Hat" was passed to Art Holtgrewe. May you wear the hat proudly until the next event. Who will be the lucky recipient?



Several of my teamsters will be heading to the Boonville show grounds to plant some corn hopefully Saturday 29th. By the time we get every crop planted, it will be time to start the show & demonstrations; so.....Hold off the rain that week so our efforts will be appreciated. We do not want a repeat performance of a mud fest as last year. All sad faces along the whole fairground except for the children playing in the puddles.

Set your watches, polish your plows, pack your bed roll, fix your casserole & come on down May 5, 6 & 7 to the farm for a

weekend of laughing, story telling, plowing, eating & when you get tired start all over again. Did I tell you we will have live camel milking demonstrations 2 x's a day 6:00 am & 6:00 pm? Hope to see you here! Call if you can't remember how to get here (660) 909-4738.

A lot is happening in the 2017 calendar & I know we can't attend them all but, I hope to see you along the way.

Bristle Ridge Percherons
Neal & Terri DeVasher

P.S. Please keep in your daily thoughts & prayers our grandson PFC Charles N. Nixon III. Boots on the ground to Afghanistan on Easter Day. Many of you watched him grow up, marry, become a proud papa of a little girl & now serve his country when called. We are very proud of him but like all of our military serving — prayers for the safe return!

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.

R E M I N D E R

If you have items for sale or looking for an item our newsletter will advertise for free.

If you wish to order a license plate, the price is \$5.00 per plate plus tax. The sign is \$20.00 plus tax just call Terri or Neal.

For all of our *Friends & Members* who have been on our prayer list "Keep Up the Good Work". A special thought to Holly Fortner, Jim & Mila Cunningham, Neal DeVasher & Bobby Wright - you all are in our every day thoughts & hope you continue your progress.

With great sadness, we extend our condolences to Ken Pimentel & family with the loss of a great teamster & member Cindy Pimentel who passed suddenly. "Happy trails to you as we meet again."



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!!!!!!!!!!

To our members & families who have celebrated birthdays January, February, March, April, May hoping your special day was the greatest day ever for you!!!!

Greetings from Northwest Missouri !

Well, Missouri weather is earning her reputation as yesterday it was 82 and the high today is suppose to be 67! I was up checking on a mare at 2 am and the wind had shifted and cooled things off. Sally is due to foal anytime now and will be delivering a Fule, Fjord mule cross. Wish she would hurry up ! Not sure if the mini donkey is bred or not but that due date would be around Mother's Day. It will be Patches first and my first mini baby, actually it is one of my future daughter-in-laws. But I am the keeper of the creature. Hope all goes well as I would like to keep in the running of the Mother-in-Law of the year award!

{“My new baby! Dusty the Fule came early After I wrote my article before publishing.”}



Was sorry to miss Tom and Lori's plowing this spring and glad to hear the plowing was good. Larry had a family emergency to deal with and as his partner in crime I stayed and helped him

deal with it. We did get to go to the Waverly Draft Horse sale the week before. The weather was nice the first day but on Wednesday it blew and rained sideways! We got to see and visit with people we had met at the Albert City plowing last fall when we participated in the record breaking plowing. They are planning a wagon train again this year. I bought a 6 seat wagonette which I have wanted for a long time. I ran an International Rock plow up to \$1500 and with some relief, lost out. It was an old plow that had never been used, just like brand new. I visited with the guy who bought it and he was going to have it at any price. Dave Freeman was there to cheer me on; he's always entertaining!

Have been able to get quite a bit of pasture mowed this spring early that I didn't get mowed last fall. Good time to do it as you can still see stumps before the brush hides them. Haven't heard of anyone finding any mushrooms yet. I personally don't look as I have a terrible fear of snakes, too busy looking for them instead of mushrooms! My tulips and daffodils have been really pretty as long as the wind doesn't whip the petals off!

Riding at the stockyards has been steady, we had 3,000 feeders last week. The market was good and the price has stayed up. The runs will drop off when everyone gets in the fields. I'll still ride but will be shorter days for Rocket and I. Will be taking a mare to Billie Jo Hatton in Stoutsville, MO the First of May and dropping off a gelding, that I bought, to my Mennonite friend for a few days of driving. I bought Zeke as a possible replacement for Dunny at least until a colt I have gets a little older. Not sure he is going to work out but we'll see. Larry has built on to his building and has probably tripled his space. Now he can finally have a real kitchen ! Well, not much else to tell, hope everyone had a blessed Easter and we make it to the plowing at the Turkey Farm in Columbia on April 29th.

Take care and spring is in the air !

The gate is always open here at the E 7 for friends , Valerie and the E7 critters



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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.

APRIL

Sat 1 Spud's Memorial Plowing Greenview, IL Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930
Tom Eldridge 20510 Hornback St Greenview, IL 62642 217-381-5735
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
Sat 20 MDHMA Board meeting
Sat 27 Southern Iowa Driving Horse Auction NEMO Fairgrounds Kirksville, MO
Hitching & Driving 8:00 A.M. Tack Sale 9:00 A.M. Horse Sale 10:00 A.M.
Eli Gingerich 641-658-2227

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

Sat 15 Thresher men 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 Thresher men Greenville, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

AUGUST

Sat 5 Mule Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during show www.lathropantique.com

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 Island, NE www.statefair.org

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



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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

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 again!

March Puzzle Answers

How can that be that Four Fjord Ponies are named after days of the week that begin with the letter "T" yet no two of the names are the same?

Tuesday, Thursday, Today, Tomorrow

How long should a pony's legs be?

Long enough to reach the ground.

What is a horse's favorite hairstyle?

Ponytail

From Our Kitchen to Yours:

Upside Down Meatball Casserole

Meatballs

1# lean ground beef
1/2 c. finely chopped onion
1 tsp finely chopped garlic
1/3 c. Italian style bread crumbs
1/3 c. grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 c. milk
1 egg
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper

Heat oven 400 degrees.

Mix meatball mix ingredients shape into (1 1/2") 28 balls.

Place into a rectangle pan bake 20-25 minutes & remove from oven.

Drain any grease in the pan.

Reduce heat to 350 degrees.

Filling

1 c. whole Ricotta Cheese
1/3 c. grated Parmesan Cheese
1/4 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp salt

1 jar roasted garlic pasta sauce

Mix together & place on top of meatballs distributing evenly.

Biscuit Topping

1 can Grands Flaky Buttermilk Biscuits separate & cut into 6ths
2 Tbsp grated Parmesan Cheese
2 Tbsp Italian Style bread crumbs

Chopped fresh Basil

In a plastic bag, place biscuits, cheese, bread crumbs.

Shake until coated place over meatball & sauce mix.

Remove & place evenly on the meatball & filling mixture.

Top with fresh Basil

Bake in 350 degree oven 33-38 minutes until golden brown.



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