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Note from our President:

Well here I am sitting in St. Louis waiting on Elsie to start her chemo, which our lives revolve around at this time in our life. I will start my treatments in about three weeks. Our fall run has been pretty hit and miss. We did make it to Doyle's plowing and had a great time, his family were great hosts and good cooks too. Good plowing and good food are hard to beat anytime. At this time, we are not sure what or where we will be doing the rest of the year. Don't forget the board meeting on November 18th at Jim & Mila's barn.

So until next time. Keep a tight line and have a great fall.
Billy & Elsie Meyer

P.S. I wish to thank Cassie Cronin for the special package that arrived today. Elsie



Everyone has room for pie & ice cream after a big meal at MO River Valley Steam Engine Show @ Boonville President Billy Meyers & Larry Whitman indulge in such an adventure. Billy enjoyed peach pie while Larry had cowboy mixed berry fruit topped with homemade ice cream. Mmmmmm good!

Note from our Vice President:

Well Happy Fall!!! So the horse flies have left us thanks to the first frost and our favorite time of year is here! Plowing season has begun and we are not letting work stop us this fall.

We made a crash trip down to Anahauc, TX with a trailer full of supplies for the Hurricane victims. Our contacts were coordinated with our local Veterinary Hospital; the Methodist Center and the Chambers County Animal Services were great felt for all of the supplies and were tasked with making sure that all of the goodies got distributed to those in need. I just wanted to thank everyone again who helped us fill the trailer with hay, feed, and personal items that were needed to help restore other's lives to normal. It was a very humbling experience and also gave me hope that mankind is not as bad off as the media would like us to believe. It was heartwarming to see the people come together and help others rebuild their homes and do whatever they could to make life a little easier.

We made it to the Fairgrove Fair with Neal, Terri, Dave, Cassie, and Rod's family and despite the limited space had a good time. Lilly was a peach to let every kid that passed pet her and some even brushed her. She posed for pictures and tolerated the crowd; everyone else just hid behind her. Jackie ran the stationary baler like a Pro and we all played a few games. Neal ended up going home with a live ham...still laughing about that one (heard it was an interesting trip home). Want to thank Rod & his family for their hospitality and a yummy dinner.

Unfortunately, we missed Doyle's first plowing but we had to get shoes put on the ponies, from the Facebook reports we really missed a great time.



We did make it to Gail's Plowing again and considering we were the only ones with plows, we actually got quite a bit of ground turned despite the rain. I tried the walking plow again and managed to stay on my feet, and once I stole the boys back from Shelby managed to feel a lot better about it (not saying I was doing a good job but didn't feel like a failure!) Art's mares were his usual rocks but did have a little complaining about actually having to work again. Michaela Redeker and her Dare Devil Drafts made their annual appearance and wowed the crowds.

Unfortunately work and being sick and chasing Shelby around (this being a high-schooler is going to her head) we have not gotten to drive in the evenings as much as we would like. I did take her and her friend Katie who has been driving with us to the FFA fall Hayride in style with the 4up.

Please not that I made quite a few changes on the website as far as the Calendar is concerned... there are fliers and links to most events. Remember to send any calendar modifications to me at Robyn1030@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all soon at one of the upcoming plow days.

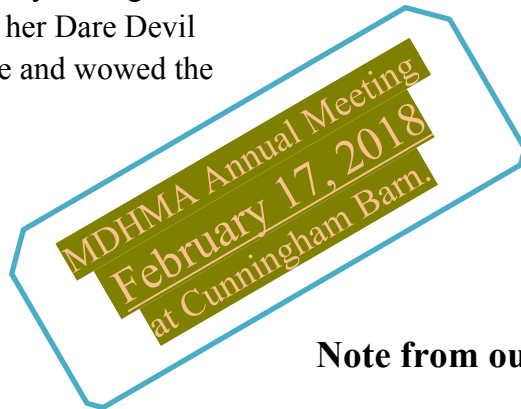
Art & Robyn Holtgrewe

Hello from your Youth Representatives

I hope everyone has had a good time at any events they attended, and have been able to work your animals. We've been to a couple events, and have been able to work our horses. We had fun at Gail's, and mom, dad and I were all able to plow. We were also glad to see Val there for the first time :). We were also happy to deliver an almost full trailer of hay, feed, paper towels, and all the other non-perishable items. It was a long trip; Wyatt and I

missed most of the scenery since we were sleeping, We were happy to help unload the paper towels and non-perishables. I had a FFA meeting this week, and after being brought there with the wagon, we had a scavenger hunt, and my class won. After the scavenger hunt, some hot dogs, and Smores, we went on a hay ride around the farm. I was glad I worked at my Grandma's tack shop for her big sale because not only did I get job experience, but I also won a pair of boots in her raffle. I was glad I went to homecoming because I had fun dancing with my friends and hanging out with them (Thanks mom for staying up till 11:30 to get me home). I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events.

Your Youth Representative,
Shelby Holtgrewe



Note from our Secretary/Treasurer

Hey everyone!! I hope everyone is able to get out and get some horse time now that fall is here and isn't awful hot every day! This is my favorite time of year because of the weather and I love all things pumpkin. We have not had a meeting since the last newsletter so I have no minutes to report. Hope to see you all soon at a plow day!

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2017 MDHMA Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is @ 10:00 AM
on Saturday November 18, 2017

at Cunningham Barn in Columbia, MO.

Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com



Greetings from Bobby & Genny Wright:

Our yard is still so green and lush; one would think it would be warm when you walk outside. Instead, the temps are nice and cool and I am so thankful.

Bobby and I have been on the road even more than usual since my last article. We have wanted to go to the Britt, Iowa Draft Horse Show for years, but the forecast has always been too hot. This year looked promising, so we took off and got there in time for most of Friday's show. It was cloudy, but still pretty warm and we had about decided to go on back home the next day. Albert and Karen Cleve talked us out of it, not having any idea what would happen that evening. We woke up to hear the sad news that Dean Woodbury's father had passed and the whole BRD family was on their way back home. We went on to the show and enjoyed it as much as we could, knowing our friends were grieving. I would have had a great video of the ending of the show when all the horses were in the ring at once if I had been smart enough to run my phone camera! It was great to see Enos Yoder and his family win just about everything! I got a hug in the barn because he has become my Facebook friend and I cheer them on from there.

Bobby had hopes of reuniting with an old friend from North Dakota at the Waverly Draft Horse Sale. Mike couldn't go, so I went with Bobby. It was an experience to say the least. I am so thankful we had seats really close to the outside edge. Neither one of us is as agile as we used to be! I really don't like to go to these sales because I always end up in tears about something. We only saw one seller who came out almost crying and there weren't too many teams split up, so I did OK. Bobby never did connect with his friend, but maybe that will happen in the spring.

Just last week, we headed to North Georgia to visit our granddaughter. We stayed in Paducah, KY.

going down and coming back. It was raining when we drove and drove past Nashville, but we had no problem, thanks to Waze on my phone. I kept the Garmin fired up too, just in case I lost the signal. Coming back was even better because Bobby is a great driver. I like 4 lanes at the most and I do mean 2 on each side!

We're making plans to attend the Lawrence, KS Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, probably just as watchers this time! Try to be there as it's a really fun time.

We have been praying for so many people, but Elsie and Billy have to top the list right now. We love them so much and just wish there was more we could do to lighten their load. We are not alone in sending up prayers and know that will continue.

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I must thank Robyn for taking over the Events Calendar for me. She goes to a lot more events than I do and I hope folks will let her know directly if any info needs to be changed or added. It's been fun, most of the time!

Enjoy this wonderful weather and enjoy all the events coming up! Happy Thanksgiving and a very blessed Christmas to all of you from Bobby and me!

Bobby & Genny Wright

Bristle Ridge Percherons

As the MRVSES (Boonville Sept. 7-10) had to go on without me this year, I did help with the preparations - getting all of the machinery out to the different stations for the show & tell. I also helped in the returning to the mothballs as they say.

Fairgrove Heritage Reunion Sept 22-24. All I can say is **WOW** what a show! For years we (MDHMA) have been asked to join in their celebration but, that date had been ear marked for the cornhusking championship in Marshall, MO.



(Due to the MO State & then the National Cornhusking, this year the date was changed to October 20-21st.) What they say about the traffic is not an exaggeration, when you get off of Hwy 65 South to Hwy 125 East be prepared to stop for at least 10 minutes. The whole town is hopping; it is shut down to moving traffic. This is only a park & walk affair. Loads of vendors crafting, eating, entertainment, wall to wall parking, people & fun. This is a MUST ATTEND AFFAIR! We visited with Bob & Holly Fortner & Mike Rookstool who were also part of the show. Good job guys!!

Our son Fred's foster son Andrew caught a greased pig which he got to keep. Wyatt Holtgrewe also grabbed the greased pig; however, he sold his pig back to the pig master for a gold dollar (I would of given him \$20.00).

Horse games were played by Rod Malchow, Cassie Cronin, Dave Eichman, Shelby, Art, Robyn Holtgrewe & also me. We also gave a demonstration baling hay after being threshed by another group. We all retired Friday & Saturday night at Rod & Lori Malchow's in Urbana, MO. Tammy graciously fed the whole gang at her house which is just around the corner from Highway 65. Boy was that a foundering experience d e l i c i o u s !

On Sept 30-31, Doyle Prawl had his first plowing event - 10 teams were in attendance & if you were hungry it was because you were either shy or talking way after the food was put away! We had a really good time and can't wait to see what next year will bring.

On Sept 31st we got one of those calls in the night nobody wishes to get. Terri's little brother Dan unexpectedly passed away due to a blood clot in his lung to his heart, 61 years young. Dan was married for 34 years to Puril. He was retired from the Navy & Civil Service. His children were 3 dogs & 1 cat. RIP little brother. We left our driveway Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and drove to Knoxville for the night then drove into SC at 1:00 p.m. Friday. The celebration of life was Saturday 4:00 pm. & we returned to our driveway on Sunday 9:30 p.m. I do not recommend

this trip for anyone unless you fly. We missed Gail Cross's event. We hope she had an outstanding weekend without our presence.

Terri had to reschedule her surgery from Friday 6th to Thursday 12th which seemingly went well after they poked two holes in her left knee & cleaned up the torn meniscus & sent her home with an ice pack & back to work on Tuesday.

This weekend is the Cornhusking competition both State & Nationals looking forward to yet another year in the field with others who have participated for over 25 years. MO is one of the few states that continue to use horses in the field which makes for a long day. It is exciting to see all of the familiar faces that are either out in the field participating for the championship or the teamsters that you see 1 time a year.

Teamsters... Prayers shields needed for many of our club family members. Please - continued tight reigns for the following: Jim & Mila Cunningham, Steve Bunch, Billy & Elsie Meyer, & others we may not be aware of!

We look forward to seeing many faces at Bill & Celia's plowing in IL as well as Tom Renners plowing the following week. The final plowing being held in Independence for Dave Eichman which will be his first.

Hope to see your cheery faces & teams down the road to one or more of these shows.

Bristle Ridge Percherons
Neal & Terri DeVasher

P.S. - Please keep in your daily thoughts & prayers our grandson PFC Charles N. Nixon III. in Afghanistan serving in Army Reserves- prayers for the safe return!



Fair Grove Heritage Reunion

40 year Celebration. Look UP the hill to town.
Never made it as way TOOOOO many people.



Cassie Cronin and Grandpa Dave Eichman drive their mules using the sled.

Due to my phone eating my pictures Robyn Holtgrewe & Rod Malchow was inadvertently unavailable. Sorry Rod, we will do an exclusive on you & your team next time!
Terri DeVasher



Neal DeVasher manages his crossbred Percheron/Belgians with Andrew Fitzpatrick assisting on the sled.



Art Holtgrewe gets ready with his Belgians.

From Witness Tree Land & Livestock:

Shelby Holtgrewe handles her Percherons with Andrew Fitzpatrick



As we all know, the weather in Missouri is anything but consistent, and is always a wild card for any outdoor activity. This held true for our event on Oct. 7 & 8. For only the second time in two decades, we got rained on.....but only for three hours on Saturday. The day started well, however, though on the windy side. Good crowd, all going mostly according to plan, and then rain came at around noon. It lasted until close to three, and then the sun came out and it was beautiful the rest of the day. Sunday was picture-perfect. Even in the rain on Saturday, spectators were still driving in, and



brought their umbrellas along. I love perseverance!! The ground had been so dry that the rain just soaked



right in, and it almost looked like it had never rained at all. We had a few new exhibitors along with our usual cast of lovable and skilled

characters, and we got to honor our friend Carl Heth with a custom indoor/outdoor sign for his trailer or wherever he _ thinks suitable, in appreciation for his seemingly infinite knowledge and generous sharing of all things draft. I want to thank all the MDHMA members who took a leap of faith despite the forecast, and loaded up their trailers lock, stock, & barrel, and came out to put on such fantastic demonstrations for everyone. This is really the heart of this show, and brings to life in real time the relationship between the working animal and

teamster, something that the average child or adult may never otherwise see. You never know when a



seed might get planted that will take root, grow, and keep the tradition alive.

Breaking down everything from the event takes about a week, WAY less time than getting it all set up! The teepee will stay up for a while yet so that we can enjoy some time in it ourselves. Matter of fact, the grandsons and I camped out in it Friday night--we roasted hot dogs on the fire, carved pumpkins into Jack-o-Lanterns, then Dennis read the "Sleep Man Tales" aloud while the breeze blew and the sleeping bags got situated. Such evenings are good for the soul at any age, are they not?

Now it appears that frost is likely towards the end of this week, so I need to dig out my potatoes, beets, and carrots, pick the rest of the tomatoes and melons, cut the remaining kale, and start putting the

garden to rest. And I guess making the Great Clothes Swap from summer wear to winter wear is also on the to-do list. I'll trade T-shirts for flannel shirts any day of the week!!!!

Hope you all have a lovely Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, and if we don't catch up between now and then, we will see you at the next annual meeting!

In the Spirit of Teamwork,
Gail & Dennis

Greetings from Northwest MO!

Ola! Am writing this article on the eve of a trip to Mexico to be at the wedding of my favorite #2 son Seth and his fiancée, Hannah. And for the record, I don't know why we couldn't get married here in the good ole U.S. of A. But this is their day and Mom will be there with all the other brothers and yes Larry is going too. I never realized all the stuff required to travel out of country! It's going to be an adventure!

We have finally had the opportunity to do some horse activities this fall. We drove in the South Side parade, Larry drove his team and I drove Pearl single in my wagonette. It was her first big parade and she did really well and it was first time I had used the wagonette and it rode really smooth. It poured rain after the parade as we were making our way back to the trucks and trailers and we were soaked! But lunch at Post #359 of turkey fries made it all worthwhile!

I was not able to attend the Boone CO sale as it was Customer Appreciation day at the stockyards and the feeder run required all riders. Larry found a team of grade Fjord mares there that we thought we might bring home but they brought more than a lot of the big draft teams so they went to live with someone else. Disappointing but farm account still intact!

Trying to get a lot of fall type jobs done here on the place. Sprayed cattails and bought and hauled small bales and cleaned out big bale feeder. Hope it doesn't freeze while I am gone 'cause I have several plants that I try to winter over. It's getting darker



sooner and when the mini donkeys see the lights come on in the house in the morning, they start singing and honking at me to get their breakfast to them. My neighbor to the east has coon dogs so we trade animal sounds back and forth!

Doyle and his family hosted a very nice plowing, lots of good food and hospitality! Around 10 teams were there to plow, hope Doyle will make it a yearly event. Nice to have something close to home! We are still trying to iron the kinks out of our new 3-up and think we are coming along. Larry and I drove down to Gerald, Mo for Gail's plowing and it was really nice to see the Holtgrewe clan. Lots of interesting crafts people there and a really good chuck wagon too.

The Waverly, IA sale was well attended again this fall. We talked to several folks we had met at the Albert City plowing and they are still waiting on word about the world record plowing for the record book. They want to do another big plowing in 2020.

Well better close and pack for Mexico, maybe I should try on that dress for wedding? I ate so much at Doyle's plowing it may not fit!! Hope to see you all at Cecilia and Bill's plowing in Illinois, we are really looking forward to it!

Adios from Val and the E 7 critters

P.S. Will try and keep Larry and the boys out of the tequila!

Greetings from Eastern MO

Redeker Family News

We attended the fall Boone County Draft Horse Sale. This was the first one we've been to since it has been under new ownership, and I have to say I was a little disappointed. I was looking forward to the tack sale to replenish some much needed halters, leads and buckets. We were only there the day they sold horses, but in the past, there would be tons of tack and such that would sell all day long. Not so this time.

The tack sale was held in the auction ring, started at 8 AM and over by 9 so they could sell horses. I didn't get the things I went for, but it did save me a lot of money. Horses in my opinion sold well, and

there seems to be a good market for drafts that are broke to ride.

September 9th - 11th took us to the SEMO District Fair in Cape Girardeau. Michaela took Grand Champion gelding with "Deluxe" and had the best cart drive of the season with him. He continues to be a work in progress, but considering the short time he has been with her, he is doing well. We all agree that the best part of the show is spending time with the Mangels. Thank you for feeding us, entertaining us and protecting my daughter from the creatures of the night. It was also nice to get to know Heather Jones and her sweet Clydesdale mare. The show was special for me, because I got to drive in the cart class and wear a fancy hat!

Look for Michaela on the October cover of The Hoof Print Journal. It is their Halloween issue and she is dressed as Wonder Woman, roman riding. Thank you to Twisted Winds Photography for capturing the picture at the Missouri State Fair.

Our next adventure was the East Perry Fair in Altenburg, MO. It was so hot, and not in a good way, but we managed to get it done. Try a we might, the judge just wasn't into Clydesdales that day, but Michaela did capture his attention riding Dancer and brought home the blue.

We switched it up a little and joined our local Carriage Club for a drive through the historical Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. Dressed in period mourning clothes we drove the beautiful resting ground of famous people, including William, Clark, of Lewis and Clarke, Dred Scott, the Busch Family.

Our favorite fall festival was the 21st Mid-Mo Horse, Mule, Ox and Historical Craft Fair hosted by Gail Cross in Gerald. It rained part of the day on Saturday which chased the crowds away, but Sunday was bright and beautiful. Michaela, aka: Daredevil Drafts, entertained the crowd with a roman riding performance. She loves interacting with the people and sharing her passion of draft horses. "Deluxe" was a rock star as she hooked and drove him tandem for his second time. There was a lot going on, and many things he could have spooked at, and of course, there's always that possibility of him turning around to look at her, but he didn't. He seemed to enjoy being out in the lead



and the people enjoyed watching this style of driving.

Our next stop will be in St Genevieve at their Heritage Days and then hopefully we will be in Lawrence Kansas for the Christmas parade. We have never been there but have always wanted to go. Michaela submitted her application, now just waiting to hear from them

As God has blessed us, may he also bless you
"in the spirit of teamwork"

Hope Redeker

From Our Kitchen to Yours:

Southern Pineapple Casserole

- 1 20 oz can pineapple chunks
- 1 20 oz can pineapple crushed
- 1 cup white sugar
- 6 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 40 buttery Ritz crackers
- 1 cup melted butter

Preheat oven 350 degrees

Drain pineapple reserving 1/4 cup. Combine flour, sugar, cheddar cheese & reserved juice with the chunk & crushed pineapple in a large bowl. Pour into 1 1/2 qt dish. Mix crushed crackers & butter sprinkle over pineapple mixture.

Bake 30 min or until golden brown.

LAST MONTH'S GAME

Putting on your thinking cap.....Please list 7 letter words that contain the word **MULE**.

ANSWERS: Amulets, gemmule, muletas, pumules, formule, germule, lamules, okamule, stimules

THIS MONTH'S Game

Using the word HORSE add 1 additional letter to make a new word. Sample: **Horse** Word:

Chores

RE M I N D E R If you have items for sale or looking for an item our newsletter will advertise for free.

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

To our teamster members & families who celebrate birthdays in October & November may they have a great day - one to remember!



2017 MISSOURI DRAFT HORSE & MULE ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

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Please include MDHMA Calendar in subject

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.

OCTOBER

Sun-Sun 1-8 Fryeburg Fair Horse Pulls and Draft Horse Show 1154 Main Street, PO Box 78; Fryeburg ME 04037 USA; Phone-(207) 935-3268 [WEBSITE](#)

Tues-Fri 3-6 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale Waverly, IA 319-352-2804 [WEBSITE](#)

Sat 7 Driving Horse Sale Kirksville, Mo Fairgrounds Eli Gingerich 515-468-1724

Sat-Sun 7-8 Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days Gerald, MO 573-764-2629 [FACEBOOK](#)

Fri-Sun 13-15 Living History Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during show [WEBSITE](#)

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 [WEBSITE](#)

Fri-Sat 20-21 Plowing at Fall Festival at Steam Engine Show Grounds at Hamilton, MO Cathy Youtsey 816-284-1654 Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show on [FACEBOOK WEBSITE](#)

Thurs-Sat 19-21 National & State Corn Husking Marshall, MO Randy Walsh 816-858-2208 [WEBSITE](#)

Sat 21 Scott Moorehouse Hay Day 18783 Jasmine Dr. Neosho, MO 417-312-0116

Sat 21 Plowing White Hall, IL Kenny Wise Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Sat 21 Rich Hill Fall Draft Horse, Driving Horse & Colt Sale Rich Hill, MO 913-285-0076 [FACEBOOK](#)

Sat 28 Plowing Waverly, IL Bill Edwards 217-381-5575 or 217-435-4671 [FLIER](#)

Sat 28 Rural Heritage Day St. Genevieve, MO Jack Donze 573-883-5687 [WEBSITE](#)

Tues 31- Fri Nov 3 Topeka Fall Draft Horse Sale Topeka, IN 260-593-2522 [WEBSITE](#)

NOVEMBER

Sat 4 Plowing Belleville, IL Tom Renner Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Sat 11 Dave Eichman Plow Day Levasy, MO 816-719-1383

Sat 18 Director's Meeting Cunningham's Barn 10:00 A.M. Everyone welcome

DECEMBER

Sat 2 25th Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade Lawrence, KS 11:00 A.M. Elaine

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Mon 25 Christmas- the birthday of our Savior

2018

Feb. 17, 2018 MDHMA Annual Meeting Cunningham's Barn 10AM

2018 World Percheron Congress Des Moines, IA State Fairgrounds [WEBSITE](#) Oct 8-13 So glad it will be close to us again!