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Note from our President:

Well here we are once more it's newsletter time. First off, I want to thank all friends and family for the big hearts y'all have shown Elsie and me while we are trying to get over this bump in our lives. As of this writing, Elsie has three more treatments. The spot on her lung is a speck and the one on her liver is a dot so they think it will be gone in another six weeks. I have 15 more treatments and the doctors say everything is working like it is supposed to, so everything is looking up. We have not been anywhere or done anything so not a whole lot report except our good news. So we hope everyone had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year. Don't forget the annual meeting Feb 17, 2018.

God Bless everyone of you!

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

Note from our Vice President:

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!!! Hope everyone had a blessed holiday season! We managed to make it to both Tom Renner's plowing and Dave Eichman's plowing in November and had a great time at both. We did our normal Thanksgiving wagon ride and everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends. Then to Clark to visit the Petersheim's to pull shoes for the winter. The ponies have been enjoying their vacation so far (eating us out of house and home)!

We have entered our annual hibernation and are getting things done in the house. We have started to work on items for the Annual Meeting for the awards and the auction.

Hope to see you all at the annual Meeting. Please remember to get your scholarship applications to Cassie by the 1st of February.

Let me know if you have any additions or changes for the Club calendar. I hope to have it all collected and ready by February 1st. robyn1030@gmail.com or (314) 803-8969

Hope the Christmas Cards didn't get to you too late, time just got away from me! Wyatt and I stayed up late to get it all printed, stuffed and out the door (while Shelby got her beauty rest in anticipation of finals the next morning)!

See you down the Road!

Art, Robyn & Wyatt Holtgrewe

Note from our Secretary/Treasurer:

Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Billy Meyer at 10:15am. There were 14 members present. The last meeting minutes were printed in the September newsletter. Robyn Holtgrewe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Kenny Penton seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurer reported \$2,400.87. Since the last meeting, we've paid for printing and stamps for the November and September newsletters. We've also paid for another year of liability insurance. Terri DeVasher made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented Robyn Holtgrewe seconded Motion passed. Business

Nominations are coming up for President and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations are welcome and encouraged.

Wagon ride insurance was discussed. Will get wagon ride coverage for Scott Moorehouse's mow day, Gail Cross' event, and for Saturday at Neal's plowing. It would be beneficial to create an "insurance application" to have information about each event we insure. Cassie will create this and bring to the annual meeting, set to begin for events occurring October 2018



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and beyond. It will be a simple, easy-to-use form. It was brought up to invest in an equine law sign on a tripod to put at events that the association is insuring. The Linch Pin Award was decided upon and will be announced at the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting. Dusty DeVasher is cooking the meat for the meeting. Please bring a side dish. The meeting will be at the Cunningham's barn in Columbia, MO. See the website for directions. Please bring a donation item for the meeting and send a "sneak peak" picture to us. We will put it on the Facebook page for members to preview. T-Shirts and hats are available for sale, \$10 each. They can be shipped!

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Cunningham, seconded by Jim Sheehy. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

The Eichman/Cronin plowing was fun! We had approximately 12 teams come for the day. We had BBQ catered in for lunch. The weather was a perfect as was the plowing! We're already looking forward to next year!

Hope to see you soon!

Cassie Cronin

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Hello from your Youth Representatives:

Hello from your youth representative Shelby. I hope everyone has been doing well. We were able to attend Tom Renner's plowing on November 4th. I had fun catching up with everyone and taking pictures with mom's camera. I was glad we were able to make it to the auction at Wilbur's house since we were able to get some more equipment. We also had fun at Dave Eichman's plowing in Levasy catching up with everyone and plowing. I was glad to get my FFA greenhand degree on the 16th. It was also fun getting to see my family on Thanksgiving and of course our annual wagon ride with the boys. Mom and I got to pick up a screen printing press, but have yet to use it. I also got to move downstairs and paint my own room. I got to go to my FFA meeting which doubled as a fish fry. I have also started getting involved in DECA. I can't wait to see my

family on Christmas, eat Mexican food (Tacos), and shoot guns.

Your Youth Representative,
Shelby Holtgrewe



2017 MDHMA Board Meeting



The next meeting is our Annual Meeting.

We gather in 10+ am, lunch @ noon then meeting and auction to follow on Saturday, February 17, 2018

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at Cunningham Barn in Columbia, MO.

Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com

Greetings from Bobby & Genny Wright:

Our yard is still green! We've been having such good weather and every day is one day closer to Spring! I actually like Winter, so I sure don't count the days. We've been busy as usual and putting more miles on the vehicles. This past week, we went to Springfield for Granddaughter's graduation from Missouri State. She will be headed back to Georgia to another State Park as a Manager in Training. Who knows where she might end up?!

Bobby bought 3 Haflingers at Dave Eichman's Plow Day and they have settled right in here on the farm. He still has to get harness to fit them and he and Mike are working on that. They will go to Clark one day this week to talk to Andy a bit more.

Being the optimist that I am and also liking to be prepared, I made our hotel reservations for the 2018 World Percheron Congress in Des Moines. It would be so neat if Lady and Joy could make a return appearance in the farm contests. Time will tell!

I forgot to mention that Bobby and Mike attended Doyle Prawl's Plowing and had a great time. Bill and Celia Edwards had a wonderful event too. Everybody is looking forward to Spud's Plow Day now.

We got to watch the Lawrence, Kansas Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade on a lovely day. We had to go to the visitation for a family member in Hannibal on Friday, so didn't get to stay at the Eldrige Hotel on Friday night.



We left early enough Saturday morning to get a really good spot to watch without being in a huge crowd. Seeing some videos and pictures, it looked like people were stuffed together like sardines in a can closer to uptown. I don't even like to have people on both sides of me in the choir, so that would not be for me! Hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting in February at Cunninghams. We pray that everyone has a joyful and prosperous 2018! May God bless us everyone!

Bobby & Genny Wright

Bristle Ridge Percherons:

Tis the season to be jolly & to thank all of our MDHMA family members together for holding our families together. What an awesome turn out to the Meyers' fundraiser in California, MO. The auction items were in plenty & never 2 of anything. Whew that Peanut Butter pie was a gold item & it did come with 8 spoons for testing (who da thought)! If my figures are right that was a \$5.00 per spoon tasting.

It has been a tremendous year for plowing ...we have been from one end of the state to the other. We have even stepped outside the box to sorta speak in Illinois & Iowa and even meandered over to Troy, Kansas (good job Doyle). Why is it when we work hard (this is what I tell my wife), we must eat hardy & boy do we. Bill & Celia Edwards, I'm still foundered from your plowing.

Bill & Celia's plowing gave us live entertainment, a little singing and joke telling. Wonderful company of old friends & even some new ones were made along the way. The menu selection was endless. I think the whole town dropped by with a covered dish - which seems like we just had one meal & the bell would ring & it would once again be time to put on the feed bag again. Celia - was this a timed event & if so who won???

About a week after everyone got back to Missouri, it was time to load up & go again, this time to Tom Renner's it is Southeast of St. Louis. Tom lives by Scott AFB & from what I understand, this was a town affair. Tom invited everyone in & out of

town. The museums are amazing & I thought I had collected a lot of stuff over the years - this is a bucket list event, boys & girls a must see in life!

I wish to thank everyone who puts on these plowing events as we are keeping this old way of life alive as our fore fathers once did & hopefully our children could slide into the furrow & pick up where we left off. Did I mention the food, entertainment, comradery is enjoyed in plenty. You know the old adage "Those who play together stays together!" This is why I am a proud member of the MDHMA & hope you feel the same way.

May we each have a most memorable & safe holiday. God Bless us each & everyone & may 2018 be better for us all.

Bristle Ridge Percherons
Neal & Terri DeVasher

P.S. - Continued prayers our grandson PFC Charles A. Nixon III. & all those serving in the armed forces- prayers for their safe return!

RE 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 give Terri or Neal a call.



Nativity Scene:
The members of the Johnson County Cowboy Church put on this live nativity here at the fairgrounds.



From the Furrow:



Neal, Dave
Eichman are
Wiseman
doing some of
our Lord's
work.

This was my first event ever & I think it turned out pretty darn good! My son & daughter-in-law did everything possible to help with the grounds & nourishment of food for the meals. I am pleased for the outcome & will definitely be doing this again next year.

Thank you ALL for coming out & hope to see you again next fall.

Doyle Prawl

Greetings from Illinois BC's Belgians:

As we start the New Year we reflect on the past twelve months of joy and sadness. The joy in all of the wonderful plowing events that we attended starting with Tom Eldridge in Greenview to ending with Davie Eichman in Buckner. In February, we had our teamster meeting in Arthur, IL and it was attended by 60 teamsters and their spouses. What a great turn out for a fun get together of all who love their horses and mules. Our dinner get-together for 2018 will be on March the 3rd at Yoders in Arthur IL so mark your calendars. For those who need a room our door is always open. We hosted our plowing event after a five-year layoff. The weather was rather chilly but all who came had a great time and lots of good food and fun. We had a total of 55 horses and mules, along with a 6 up of minis. We also entertained Kevin and Debbie Vering and Doyle Prawl for the following week, what a great time we had and thanks to Debbie for all of her help. For any one that has not attended Tom Renner's Heritage Days, mark it on your calendar as a must attend. He and A.J. are great hosts and put on a terrific show. As we start the New Year our thought and prayers go out to Elsie and Billy Meyers as they continue to heal and all of our service men and women who are serving our country.

Keep the drafts a movin.
Bill & Celia. BC's Belgians.

Rod Malchow providing the camels for this production.





Greetings from Northwest Missouri:

As we put this year to a close; I wish each of us the wish of good health, continued friendship & sharing our wealth of knowledge.

May we each ring in the "New Year 2018" safely & continue our prayers for our families that we hold near & dear to our hearts.

Valerie and the E 7 critters

From Our Kitchen to Yours:

Amish Friendship Bread

(no starter)

- 1 c butter softened
- 2 c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 c buttermilk (2 c. milk 2 Tbsp vinegar or lemon juice)
- 4 c flour
- 2 tsp baking soda

- Cinnamon/Sugar topping
- 2/3 c sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon sprinkle on top

Place in 2 greased & flour dusted loaf pans

Preheat oven 350 degrees Bake for 40-50 minutes

For all of our friends and members who have been on our prayer list, "Keep Up the Good Work".

You all are in our everyday thoughts & hope you continue your healing progress.

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

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

Games:

Using the word HORSE add 1 additional letter to make a new word.

Sample: **Horse** Word: **Chores**

ahorse cosher herons homers hopers horses hosers hovers mosher ochers posher reshot shoes shover throes ashore ephors hoarse honers hodes horsey hosier josher nosher ochres reshod reshow shored shower whores chores heres horsed horste houser kosher others reshoe senhor shores shrove

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

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

2018

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

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