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second in the feed team race and I got second in the obstacle course. We were both beaten by the same team, a new comer to the event from the Sullivan, Missouri area.

Spent this Labor Day weekend doing rides at Santa-Cali-Gon in Independence with a surrey and a span of Pioneer Trails Adventure's mules. Looking forward to this next weekend at Missouri Valley Steam Association near Boonville. After that, the corn shucking in Marshall.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the plowing at Doyle Prawl's near Troy, KS has been canceled on the 28th of September.

Note from our President:

Well here it is August and things are still green and growing. We got home from the state fair and the yard was a foot tall. I had a good year at the fair this year - got to visit with a lot of old friends and made some new friends. We got to see some good draft horse shows and a new record of sixteen 6's in the arena at one time. The Missouri State Fair is getting to be a great place to show draft horses, thanks to Robert Sparrow. Good job, Robert! It is a busy time for us: get home from the fair, mow the yard, restock the feed room, write this newsletter, go to St Louis for Elsie's treatment, and then off to Colorado Springs to see our first great grandchild for a little spoiling time.

We hope to see y'all down the road at some of the fall plowings. So until then, keep a tight line.

In the spirit of teamwork
Billy & Elsie Meyer

Note from our Vice President:

Hello from the Eichmans!

We have been busy putting up hay between rains. Since we are late with it, we have not used the mules much. I did find time to go to McCook, Nebraska, and help spread manure with one of Doyle's teams and went to Palmyra, Nebraska, to do some plowing with three of ours. My mule that works best in the furrow was lame so she stayed home. Cassie and I also attended the Missouri State Fair for the farm team classes this year. She took

See ya down the road.
Dave

Note from our Secretary/Treasurer:

MDHMA Meeting Minutes July 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM with 5 members present. The minutes and treasurer report from the prior meeting were not discussed.

Since May's Newsletter, we had the following activity:

Treasurer's Report showed an ending balance of \$1888.71. This included expenses of \$200 for sponsorship of 2 classes at the Missouri State Fair, bank fees of \$20, and postage fees of \$110. There were two deposits totaling \$180 (DHJ Ad payment and membership fees). We paid the DHJ Ad price of \$785.

Old Business:

Grievances were discussed about the newsletter. It was decided that the Secretary would return to handling all the newsletter duties and Terry and Mila could retire from sharing them. This information was relayed to members, with valid email addresses, after the meeting.



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Neal DeVasher brought up new hats for the MDHMA. He indicated that he preferred stitched hats instead of screen printed. He indicated screen printing was okay for t-shirts, though.

The Exhibitor's Dinner at the Missouri State Fair was discussed. (Thank you to all the members that provided food for the dinner! I heard it was all delicious!)

New Business:

Annual insurance renewal occurs in October. We updated the dates (if known) for the events with wagon rides covered under the insurance. Neal made a motion to pay the insurance with no increases in coverage. Billy seconded. The motion was approved.

Neal DeVasher mentioned he had been asked about sponsoring the Missouri State Fair Draft Horse Pull. Since the request was less than a month before the fair, it was decided to not sponsor this year and discuss it for next year's Missouri State Fair.

Our next annual meeting date was set for February 29, 2020. We will have a meeting at Mila Cunningham's on January 11, 2020, to finalize details for the annual meeting.

Dave Eichman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry DeVasher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Now, a little about my family's summer. This year, my daughter was feeling up to attending one of the horse shows, so she went with me to the Missouri State Fair and I went alone to the Ozark Empire Fair. I had fun hanging out with and helping the Redekers and Kathleen Phelps with Rose, her Clyde mare. It was good to see Kelly Sheehy hanging out. I'm sure she didn't feel well, but she was smiling every time I saw her! Best Wishes to her and Kurt (who demonstrated how powerful a draft horse kick can be)!

My daughter showed her dogs at a few 4-H shows this summer. She gets so much enjoyment out of that

and our dogs work very well for her. Most of my time is spent working, transporting her to the different meetings and practices, and fulfilling my MDHMA responsibilities. It makes for a busy life, but I wouldn't want it any other way!

My daughter had her own victories at the Missouri State Fair. This was the first year that she was able to be a little more independent and did not need an escort everywhere she went! She hung out with Julie and Kenny Clifton for a bit on Sunday and enjoyed herself. Since we usually get out of MSF in the evening, we decided to stay in a hotel that night...and had a swimming party!

The next day it was back to school and back to work. My son, Charley, prefers the horses under the hood, so he has a 1998 K1500. He decided that he wanted to show his truck, so he has been cleaning and detailing his truck. You can't find a speck of dirt on it right now. It's not more than most have as a farm truck, but it's his first truck so it's the best one in his mind!

I will be up at the Boone County Draft Horse Sale in Sedalia, MO, on Wednesday and Thursday. Hope and I will be running the MDHMA Booth. We will have t-shirts for sale. Stop by if you wish to talk, update your information for the directory, renew your dues, or sign up a new member.

If you have a date you wish to share, something to add to the newsletter, or a question about anything we do, you can email me and I will either reply with the answer or get your email to the best person to answer your question.

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2019 MDHMA Qtrly Meeting

Jan 11, 2020 10:00 am

at Cunningham Barn, Columbia, MO.

Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com





Greetings from Bobby & Genny Wright:

I almost forgot once again. I happened to remember this article is due right after the State Fair. It was very uncertain right up to Saturday as to whether Bobby would feel like going. We had missed out on a mobility scooter which ended up going to a man who needed it much worse than Bobby. I had suggested several times that he get one of those walkers with a seat. This time he listened, and we were able to get it on Friday. It worked like a charm and he will be getting much more exercise than he would have with the scooter. He tells me my name is not Wright for no reason!

It was so good to see so many of our friends there at the Fair. I won't even try to name everybody, but it sure made the trip worthwhile! The Draft Horse show was really good and we both believe Robert Sparrow should get lots of credit for all the hours he must put in talking to people and just doing whatever needs to be done. I will mention Doug and Frankie Scott. We sat close to them Saturday and Sunday and it just wouldn't seem right not to have them there.

Bobby is still busy taking therapy after his total left knee replacement on June 5. It is doing just great, so they are working on building up his strength and working on his balance. He seems to be forgetting his cane more and more and that is a good thing! He wants to be ready to plow at Doyle Prawl's on September 28. That seems like a long time off, but will be here before we know it.

I will soon be getting ready to go back to New Cambria School to read with the Pre-K through 6th grade soon. This will be my 15th year and I'm not even thinking about giving it up! Way too many hugs and sweet words from those little ones! I don't know much else, but would appreciate any prayers for Bobby that his healing will be soon and complete!

Have a blessed Fall everyone!

May God bless us everyone!
Bobby & Genny Wright

Bristle Ridge Percheron:

And the rain came down the sun came out & the trees bear fruit.....

Well we have had more rain this year than sunshine. Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska & Northern, MO crops still have not been planted due to the flooding & devastation to many towns, highways & livestock.

I think Noah's Ark could have made a lot of money transporting animals & people to safety.

Us teamsters cleaned our harness & shined our plows. We got to the starting line & no gun was discharged. Another false alarm - how disappointing.

The attendance was down quite a bit this year at the MO State Fair. The weather was hot or rainy, but it wouldn't be the fair if either didn't happen. The draft horse games were lacking in participants this year, but all seemed to have a great time.

As usual the sirens howled right after the campers went to bed. Never fails: either tornadoes, rain or both always go to the fair & make for a short night.

The Boonville show is coming up quick & hopefully it will not be another mud-a-thon as it has been the last couple of years. Not very productive when it's hard to walk in the mud & it's not safe for our teams either.

On a positive note, we were blessed with 3 new colts this spring & took a mini vacation to Birmingham, AL. We came back with Rod Malchow & Tammy Kaup as they fulfilled commitment with the zoo.

Hopefully we can see a familiar face or two at a show or sale. If we can't plow we can at least swap stories at the sale barn.

Have a safe summer & hopefully it won't be a total washout. Maybe a fall festival or two will be a go for all of us.



Thank you each & everyone for prayers, thoughts, cards & calls concerning Terri's surgery. Now let the healing begin.

Bristle Ridge Percherons
Neal & Terri DeVasher

Please keep Dianna Phillips in your prayers as she will be starting treatments soon, as well as all who are in need of every one's faith to help them through their challenges.

Hope to see many of you at our plowing event the end of October and also those who will be attending the Missouri State Fair.

Greetings from Illinois BC's Belgians:

It looks like it is newsletter time again. We are so grateful that the heat has subsided a certain degree. We did endure the extreme heat at the Horse Progress Day as well as the rain. They had rain on the Wednesday prior to the show so the camping area was too muddy, so we were able to park in wheat stubble with the general parking. It was rather a long walk to all the activity, but we managed. On Friday, we watched the field activities, which included Jim Buzzard's ponies demonstrating a new plow. Kevin and Deb Vering and Doyle Prawl and his friends all enjoyed seeing the new equipment. We all went to the RV to rest and that is when the downpour came. That is when the show began, teams of horses were pulling out stuck trucks and cars. What an amazing sight of pure horsepower. Two teams joined together to pull Kevin's semi out - what a sight! Needless to say it put a damper on the show for Saturday - no field demos were held - so they did a parade of new equipment and gave details about each piece. We started for home on Saturday afternoon after being pulled out by a skid loader. It was great to see a lot of friends in attendance and the weather did not seem to deter too many.

We went to Altamont, Illinois and plowed on Saturday, the ground was a little hard even though they had rain the previous week. The event was well attended and there were six teams plowing and disking.

The son's house project is moving along slowly they are hoping to be able to move in over Labor Day. Everyone is getting anxious as they were hoping to move before school started, but that is not going to happen.





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As always keep those drafts moving
Bill and Celia Edwards
BC's Belgians

Greetings from the Redeker Family:

We are so excited for show season to be here, catching up with old friends and making new ones. We have been able to take advantage of some local horse shows that offer driving classes and it's always fun to see the reactions the Clydesdales get. Michaela enjoys sharing her knowledge by answering questions and offering up photo ops for those who want their picture with a **"REAL"** Clydesdale.

Ozark Empire Fair was as fun as ever. It was especially nice to have Kathleen Phelps there with us showing her Clydesdale mare, Rose. Kathleen and her mare did well in the classes and offered up fun competition in the log skid and obstacle course. I have to admit, it was hard not having Lola, my grey mare, with us this year. She was always our rock solid, go-to horse and things just aren't the same without her. Michaela continues to work with her Clydes to become her next roman riding team.

We attended the St. Francis County Fair in Farmington, MO. Michaela was able to drive her Clydes as a team for the first time and they did

alright. Someday a hitch wagon will make its way to us, but for now our wagonette will do for these smaller shows. It's always great to catch up with the Mangels family! A big thank you to Richard Worley and his family for heading up this event!

Missouri State Fair was our next stop. There were a lot of horses this year. The main barn was full, and I've never seen so many people put down in the pole barn. It was wall-to-wall horses. Of course, it wouldn't be the MSF if we didn't have severe storms roll through in the middle of the night. Moving wagons and carts in and out of the barn/arena is a nightly routine. The hitch classes are always a big draw and it looked like almost every seat was filled. The best part of the show was getting all 16 hitches into the arena at one time, and Brian Ridenour made it happen! It's certainly a crowd pleaser! Michaela won all the riding classes, took 3rd in costume, 7th in Ladies' Cart, 2nd in Amateur Cart, 3rd in Pleasure Cart, and 3rd in Halter. All of that added up to her and her horse, Iron Horse Audacious Playboy, winning the title of All-Around Pleasure Draft Horse. Long time Missouri Draft Horse and Mule Association members, Doug and Frankie Scott, were recognized for their past years of showing at the MSF and supporting the Draft Horse Shows for multiple generations. They were presented with a bench handmade by Brian Ridenhour.

Our next stop will be the SEMO Fair in Cape Girardeau, then the East Perry Fair in Altenburg and then it's off to the Georgia State Fair in October.

I plan on having an Association booth set up at the draft horse sale in September, on that Wednesday and Thursday. I have lots of t-shirts to sell and I will be delighted to renew your membership and answer any questions.

"In the spirit of teamwork"
Hope, Jeff and Michaela



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From Witness Tree Land & Livestock:

Greetings All!

Hope this finds everyone in good spirits and with at least a good portion of your hay put up. The struggle was real, wasn't it? We have quite a few round bales done, but need to get some squares in the barn. It's 10 o'clock at night and Dennis is at this moment pressure-washing the square baler (after the usual fix this, fix that stuff) in preparation for its trip to the field. If the forecast is right, it is going to be one blazing hot stretch of days here shortly. Good for hay, bad for my mood--not a fan of heat, LOL.

This year I started tomatoes from seed I had saved from my Cherokee Purple harvest of 2 years ago. Every single seed took off, and I now have 80 tomato plants in the garden, along with okra, rhubarb, cantaloupe, lettuce, onion, horseradish, and holy basil. I'm going to try a fall garden for the rest of the veggies for a change, assuming the torrential rains are over with.

Was very sorry to hear about Art's mare. No words can really convey the loss of such a good animal and working partner. We all know the feeling, but sure wish we didn't...

Continued well wishes to Karl Schlemper, Carl Heth, Neal & Terri DeVasher, Bobby Wright, and anyone else who has had their share of medical challenges of late. Being human seems to come with an astonishing array of things that can go wonky. A good support system is key to a good recovery, and we certainly have that in our members who lift each other up when called upon.

The annual gathering of the Suffolk Horse Association is being held at Suson Park in St. Louis County this year, on Oct. 11 & 12. Looks like there will be several demonstrations and round pen sessions, and would be a great opportunity to see Suffolk draft horses in person and in action. They are rare and considered a critically endangered breed, according to the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy.

We are gearing up for our 23rd fall event on Oct. 5th & 6th. I think it will be in this newsletter, but it is also posted on our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/MidMODays

So, feel free to share. There will be something for everyone, several new exhibitors, and we would certainly love to see lots of teams take advantage of our big field. So mark your calendar and please spread the word!

In the spirit of TEAMwork,
Gail & Dennis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!!!!

Happy birthday to friends & families in the months of Sep and Oct. We hope your day is truly a special one to remember!

MDHMA has a large selection of assorted colors & sizes T-shirts for sale. Contact Hope Redeker for inquiries or orders.

REMEMBER If you have items for sale or looking for an item we post for free.

On the mend... To All of Our Members & families who have been on our prayer list, "Keep Up the Good Work". We tighten our lines for our members & families who are in need of extra prayers in the healing process.

2019 MISSOURI DRAFT HORSE & MULE ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

*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.*

September

September 5-8, 2019

Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Show --
Boonville, MO Wooldridge Exit off of MO HWY 70
West of Columbia - Mila Cunningham 573-442-8417 <http://www.mrvsea.com/>



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Sat, Sept 7, 2019 **Licking Chamber of Commerce Mule Show**, 7 PM at Rodeo Grounds. Contact: Steve Dawson @ 417-260-0807 or Suzie Blackburn 417-464-1284

Wed – Sun, Sept 11 – 14, 2019 **Boone Co. Draft Horse and Mule Sale**, MO State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, MO. Contact Joe & Ruthy Raber 719-431-3137 or Lonnie & Vonda Miller 260-350-4637. <https://boonecountydrafthorseandmules.com/schedule>

Sun Sept 22, 2019 **Lincoln County Old Thresher's Show**, Call Bryan if staying the night on Saturday or with questions. 314-540-1135.

Sat Sept 28, 2019 **East Perry Community Fair**, Altenburg, MO. Contact Steve Mangels @ 573-270-9630; <http://www.eastperryfair.com>

October

Sat & Sun Oct 5 & 6, 2019 **Mid-MO Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days** Gerald, MO 63037. Witness Tree Land and Livestock; Gail Cross 573-764-2629

Fri-Sat Oct 18-19, 2019 **FALL FESTIVAL & DRAFT HORSE PLOW DAYS** Hamilton, MO 64644 An annual event formally hosted by Bob Blades at the Hollow Road location. For draft horse accommodations, please contact Cathy Youtsey at 816-284-1654. For all other show inquiries, contact Robert Blades at 816-390-0199. <http://northwestmissouristeamandgas.com/>

Sat Oct 19, 2019 **Rich Hill Fall Draft Horse, Driving Horse & Colt Sale** Rich Hill, MO 64779, USA CALL: Dennis Wendt, Auctioneer (913)285-0076 or 800-416-2993 OR WRITE: Andrew Schrock 10519 E Albert Rd., Rich Hill, MO 64779 or Ethan Brubacker 2853 S 1125 Rd., Rich Hill, MO 64779 View online @ <http://www.wendtauction.com>

Sun Oct 20, 2019 **MDHMA newsletter** due date. Send to mdhma.secretary@gmail.com

Mon Oct 21, 2019 **Draft Horse Pull** Kalona, IA 7:00 P.M. Joe Miller 573-682-0048 <http://www.clydesusa.com/event/2018-world-clydesdale-show-2/>

Sat Oct 26, 2019 **Rural Heritage Day** St. Genevieve, MO Jack Donze 573-883-5687 <https://www.visitstegen.com/rural-heritage-days/>

Sat Oct 26 **Bill and Celia Edwards' Plowing** Waverly IL 217-435-4671

November

Sat Nov 2 **Tom Renner's Plowing** Belleville IL - for questions or information contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Sat-Sun Nov 9-10, 2019 **Dave's Plowing** Levasy, MO 816-719-1383

December

Sat Dec 7, 2019 25th **Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade** Lawrence, 11:00 A.M. Elaine VanDeventer evandeventer@embarq.mail 785- 856-4437

Fri Dec 20, 2019 **MDHMA newsletter** due date. Send to mdhma.secretary@gmail.com

MDHMA Events

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23rd Annual Mid-Missouri Horse, Mule, & Ox Farming and

★ ★ Historical Crafts Days 2019 ★ ★

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

Sunday Oct. 6---10 am to 3 pm

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

Sorghum Pressing---Molasses Cooking---Corn Grinding --- Dry Stone

Masonry--- Spinning---Soapmaking---Weaving---Blacksmithing---

Kathy's Vintage Kitchen---Horseshoeing---Natural Dyeing---

Dean's Primitive Games & Toys---Woodcarving---Leatherwork---

Log Hewing---Storytelling---Native American Herb Lore---

And Much More!! (Listing Subject to Change)



Draft Animals in the Field and Powering Implements!

Meet Ox Drover and Teamster Carl Heth!

Michaela Redeker and Her Daredevil Drafts!

Live Old-Time Ballad & Gospel Music by Ms. Terry Lipe!

Turner's Dutch Oven Chuckwagon Cooking! Foy's Wild Game Eats!

PUBLIC ADMISSION--\$6 for Ages 6 to Adult; Ages 5 & under, Free!

PLEASE NOTE: ATV'S, ALCOHOL, OR PETS (even on leash) NOT ALLOWED!

Want to Participate, Volunteer, or Need More Info?

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