



*****MDHMA Officers 2020-2021*****

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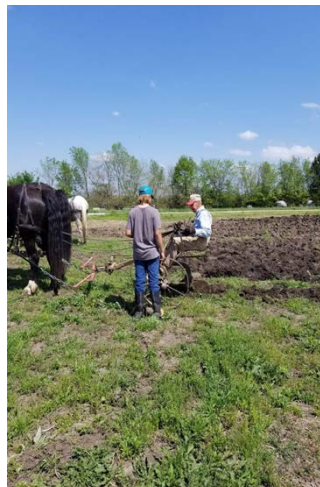
Note from our President:

Boy this being President is a lot harder than I thought it was going would be.

I hadn't been elected a month and our horse world is coming unraveled. No sales, No plowings, Fairs are being cancelled and now it's being mentioned that it is all my fault because I didn't react quick enough to the threat of a virus. Those pesky little Chinese may have turned loose with the sole purpose of disrupting our way of life. I wonder if the CDC has ever tried Banemine or Butte (Buteamine) as it seems to fix most of my problems.

Ok enough nonsense.....Let's think about going forward with our Association. What would you like to see us (and by us I mean you the one reading this) do to change or improve or group. I want you to understand that although we have a board of directors, we want your thoughts as to how to continue to be a strong and all-inclusive club. In the past the President has appointed the directors but I am asking you if you have an agenda that you would like to promote within our Association please contact me so you can be added to the directors list. See you down the line.

Neal DeVasher
Bristle Ridge Percherons



Neal decided to have a social distancing get together. Bobbie Wright who just turned 90 years old enjoyed plowing Neal's ground.

Note from our Vice President:

Hello from the Eichmans,

Due to the pandemic, still not much going on here. I along with Doyle, Valerie, Larry and Kathy planted our oats in Hamilton. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can sow some alfalfa and get corn planted. We do maintain our social distance while working on this project... (Well, except for the mules and horses, who have to get close to them).

More plowings have been canceled including David White and Kevin Vering. I do miss the visits.

Alfalfa coming up oats looking good but hasn't got dry enough to plant corn. Attended board meeting. We had a good turnout & kept our distance. Some events still not sure if they will happen. Great grandson turned one already making me feel older.

For those of you who know Doyle Prawl, his wife passed away. There will be no service something she requested.

Looking forward to Bruce Adams mowing on June 13th.

Really can't think of anything else to say so stay healthy hope to see and visit in future.

Dave



Note from our Secretary/Treasurer:

**MDHMA Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2020;
Cunningham Barn, Columbia, MO**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:06 by President Neal DeVasher

Last Meeting Minutes – Printed April Newsletter
1 Correction Adjusted to show Minutes Miss Print:
DHJ Add is divided among the Listed Contributors
and was \$92.81/Family-Farm Motion to Accept:
David Eichman 2nd Billy Meyer; Accepted

Treasurers Report

Bank Account Balance \$4700.77 (Verify Lynch Pin
Payment for 2019 award)

Elsie Fund \$1408.02

Motion to Accept: Hope Redeker 2nd David
Eichman; Accepted

Old Business

Tee Shirts & Hats – Send Logo to Karen Redeker for
screen printing and embroidery 2 Chairs for MO
State Fair Horse Pull Motion to Purchase Chairs:
Billy Meyer 2nd David Eichman Accepted

New Business

DHJ Add – next issue use Pix of Youth Reps &
Bobby Wright

Ambassador – Michaela Redeker

Youth Reps – Robyn to Make 6 new Sashes before
the MO State Fair

Membership Down – Neal Presented history to show
that it is a cycle and according to other clubs, we are
Doing Great. We did decide that we could promote
the club a bit more at the MO State fair by donating
chairs to the Obstacle Course, Farm Team Class and
2 for the Feed Team Race. Motion to Purchase chairs
by Billy Meyer 2nd David Eichman; Accepted

The Dinner at the State Fair will be Friday at noon
instead of Thursday evening since there are now
going to be classes Thursday night.

Directors Reports - Coronavirus Wrecked the spring
Plowing Season – Neal had some friends over to
plow maintaining social distancing and got his field
ready to plant.

Other Business

Hope suggested Jody Moss and Kathleen Phelps as
Board of Directors; Neal as President is responsible

to appoint new Directors as such and will confer with
them and make the decision.

Fall Calendar reviewed

Hope volunteered to sit at a table at the Boonville
Fall Draft Horse Sale if Neal dropped a table for her
to sit at.

Bobby Wright wanted to Thank everyone for all the
Birthday Wishes he says we Really know how to
make a guy feel *Special*.

Next Meeting July 18th 10AM Cunningham Barn
Motion to Adjourn: Cindy White 2nd Hope Redeker;
Accepted.

Hello From the Holtgrewe's,

I'll start with some club business by reminding
everyone of the next meeting in Columbia at the
Cunningham Barn July 18th 10 am just meeting no
meal.

I'd Like to Welcome some new members to the club.

**Robyn & Corey Payton & Family
Camden Point, MO**

Make sure that you call on any of the events marked
Pending. Most of them have yet to confirm that they
are having the events for sure. If you don't have a
contact number, please email or call me and I will do
the best I can to track the answer down some are just
waiting till June to make a final decision.

Well this has been an interesting year so far... we
have managed to harness a couple times which was
good.

The kids started a new endeavor... I was quite
reluctant at first but they were determined so I caved
and they are now the proud co-owners of 3 milking
goats with quite a loan out from the Holtgrewe Parent
Loan & Trust. They do have clients and plans to sell
Milk, Cheese, Ice-Cream (which is pretty good),
Yogurt and Soap. So Far (3 days) they are staying
very active and excited and into it. I will report back
on their progress in a couple months.

Art is staying busy with the Dump Trucking and I am
stuck working from home... which could be worse I
am getting a lot of reading done waiting for files to
process and plenty of time to work on Databases and




other items that I tend to put on the back burner for more critical items that need done so I am managing to stay somewhat productive. The kids have their last day of home schooling tomorrow May 19th and they swear they have All of their work done... Our little neck of the world is slowly opening back up and I have a hair appointment for us girls on

Wednesday. Shelby is going Prom shopping with her friends this weekend so it looks like life is returning to normal... Well I am not sure how normal Prom shopping is but that's where we are at.

Hope to see you down the Road,
Robyn

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2020 MDHMA Board Meeting 

July 18, 2020 10:00 am

at Cunningham Barn, Columbia, MO.

Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com



Greetings from Past President:

I found a new Percheron team. Susie & Madie are 10 & 11 years old.

Billy Meyer

Greetings from Bobby and Genny:

This deadline sneaks up on me every time lately. I'm just not as organized as I was when I was working!

It was so good to see so many people at the last director's meeting. There was more to talk about than some of us thought there might be. I'm sure hoping the State Fair will be held even though there will undoubtedly be changes!

Bobby celebrated his 90th birthday on April 10th and there was no way to have a big party like we did for his 80th. I posted a card or note shower request on Facebook and he ended up with 108 cards and at least 200 FB greetings. Going to the mailbox was really fun for several days. The phone rang off the wall too. We even had some visitors and I can't say that social distancing was practiced! We are so blessed to have so many folks who care for us!

Since Mike Ewigman has retired, he and Bobby have been spending more time together. Both of them are hoping all the fall plowings will happen and are looking forward to Bruce Adam's mowing at Hamilton, MO on June 13. The horses have had more vacation than they need!

We finally got to go back to church on May 10. The weeks just don't seem right without that!

Bobby, Mike, my brother and nephew got a project done yesterday. At least 2 years ago, a part broke on the chain pump in our well. Bobby worked on it now and then and a piece we had ordered from Lehman's didn't stay where it was supposed to. We ordered another and finally got it put back together and in the



cistern. For those of you who do Facebook, I put on pictures of the final process. I believe my nephew must be at least as strong as my daddy was. He held the pump high in the air while standing in our tractor loader while Bobby and my brother guided the pipe into the cistern. I held my breath and prayed while that was happening. Now I will be able to use good water for the flowers we will plant if there are any left!

I don't know much else. We have been trying to support our favorite restaurants that have such an awful time because of the lockdown. We also hope to do a bit of traveling when things open up a bit more! We both have itchy feet, I guess!

Stay well and unafraid!

Greetings from Illinois BC's Belgians:

Greetings from Illinois. As we continue to honor the stay at home rule there is not much news to tell you about. Bill has taken this time to hitch horses and try and get them and himself in shape. I think it is a losing battle as we seem to snack more and indulge in more chips and cookies. But the exercise has been good for both him and the horses.

I have been busy making masks for the nursing home and veteran home residents. I received a lovely thank you card from the Veterans home stating how grateful they were to receive the masks and that they were putting them to good use. One of the granddaughters with the help of the great grandchildren have been making masks, they have quite the assembly line. She has made over one hundred masks, I have been giving mine to her and she delivers them where needed. What a great lesson for the children to learn about giving back. Many have donated fabric and money to help her with the cost of supplies. Elastic, like toilet paper, is a hot commodity at the moment.

We are so thankful for all the blessings that we have and for the family and friends that continue to check on us. We could not manage without them. One of our friends just drove in and honked their horn, they

made the rounds to all their friends just to let them know they were thinking about them. Another small gesture of we are all in this together.

It is sad that most of the spring plowing events had to be cancelled but it was a wise decision on the host's part. We will all survive and plow again. My friend in the United Kingdom sent me a picture of horses plowing (ploughing) in Hampshire, United Kingdom and thought we could all relate to it. This picture was featured in the London Times.

In the meantime keep those drafts moving.
Bill and Celia Edwards
BC's Belgians.



Four horse power: Robert Sampson uses traditional methods on his farm near Ringwood, Hampshire, ploughing with a Percheron team and broadcasting oat seeds

Horses plowing (ploughing) in Hampshire, United Kingdom

Greetings from Northwest Missouri!

Things are still semi quarantined here in our part of the country. I keep my mask in my truck so I can go to Mennards. But as long as I have ketchup and dark chocolate I can hang in there .

Busy as always, two of my sons Eli and Jesse still here till mid-June. We always have loads to do but the Mom list is getting shorter.

Larry and I went to Mt. Ida, Kansas and picked up some wagon wheels that had been repaired. Larry Bontrager was the Amish man who fixed them. It's hard to find someone to do wagon wheels anymore. Most just do buggy wheels now.

Had a yearling cut last week and a new colt arrive yesterday, Dandy is half Percheron. His mom is a



Fjord but not registered and I bred her to a 16 hand blue roan Percheron just to see what I would get. He looks just like a Fjord. Will be interesting to see in a couple of years what he'll look like.



Larry and I have been going over about once a week and helping Doyle and Dave at Hamilton, Mo working the acreage they rented with our horses. Been rained out lately.

We were shocked and saddened at the loss of Doyle's wife Judy. She was a character and I really liked her. Prayers and condolences to all the Prawl family.

A good time was had by all at the DeVasher plowing. Terri and

Neal were great hosts as always. Think there were 5 teams who plowed and though the ground was a little tough it was a beautiful day. It was suggested to me to switch my outside horse around with my furrow horse and it turned out to be good advice. The new furrow horse isn't sure if he has been promoted or demoted!

Well enough for now, stay safe and well. Hope to see you soon. Val and the E 7 Fjords

Valerie & the E7 Fjords & Fjules

P.S. Just a little info, if your hands are all scratched up from hauling brush and multi floral rose don't use hand sanitizer !!

Greetings from Southwest Missouri

Southwest Missouri is officially into spring. The spring rains are here and the grass is green and growing. We have spent much of our COVID-19 hibernation doing a few projects around the farm and house. On those non-rain days, I worked on breaking

a couple of yearlings. I've been mowing the lawn and around the farm when it was dry enough to mow and not bulldoze the mud. The pastures have certainly grown and there's plenty of grass for the horses now.

We have had 3 foals born this spring. We have a couple of fillies and a horse colt. The colts are all growing, up and running, and enjoying the spring sunshine. It's a good day when you can watch the colts as they start venturing a little further from their mom, and play with the other babies. It looks like one baby thinks he's a race horse, and another one looks like he's practicing for a team as he runs alongside the other colt.

This week a friend who lives about 30 miles north of is on a trail ride. He and his friends stopped off here as the first step on their ride. They had a pair of grey Percherons and a pair of Belgians pulling a modern covered wagon and a flat-topped wagon. After a rest and a good feeding this morning, they left on the next leg of their ride. They have had dry weather traveling although it's over 10 degrees cooler than the weatherman 'promised'.

There's not much news when you're mostly confined to home for several weeks. I've watched enough 1950-70's westerns that I can guess what they are going to do before the action. I have also watched a lot of rain from inside the house.

The next gathering of a draft horse group, I'd like to suggest we have a Mud Run contest. I've been practicing up in the barn lot doing chores, and I think I could make a decent showing. I challenge Neal DeVasher, I'm afraid Bobby Wright can beat us both.

Jim & Cathy Sheehy

From Witness Tree Land & Livestock Farm:

Well, this may be short, as the storm clouds are gathering, and our on & off Internet service may not let me get this fired off to Mila if I don't hurry up about it.....We are still in limbo as far as muddling through the "new normal"---gag me, I hate that term---but I will say that the one



positive has been getting all those back-burner projects out of the dust caves and into daylight for completion. So there's that. But the conflicting news in the media about the virus is about to drive me bonkers, so I am basically tuning it out and going about what needs to be done connected with farm life, and only going to town when necessary. Therefore, I think we are conforming to CDC guidelines by default, right?

News from the Studly front....Our senior Brabant stallion Jed is the proud papa of a new filly, owned by Bill Schengbier and out of one of his nice spotted draft mares. I'm sure he will have plenty of pics on his phone that he will gladly whip out to show anyone inquiring. According to Bill, mom & baby are doing great. Haven't seen them yet, only a phone pic, but we'll be making the short trip over to "ooh" and "aah" real soon.

It looks like I am going to have gobs of tomatoes in the garden if all the plants that are out there produce. Some I started from seed, some are volunteers from last year that reseeded, and some were given to me. I think every size and virtually every color will be represented if all goes well, and all heirlooms, so even better. I won't even mention my planting marathon of irises....Oh heck, yes I will. One by one I dug and replanted 131 irises that were in the way of a privacy fence going up, along with 13 hardy mums and 34 raspberry bushes. Isn't there some kind of reward for that? Like bourbon and chocolate or some such?

And it is raining now, which makes me even more glad that I planted the sorghum yesterday. Yay me. Dennis helped by hand raking the dirt first so the Earthway seeder I used would travel down the rows smoothly. Nine rows about 200 feet long each will hopefully give us a good stand for pressing & cooking in October.

Which brings me to our fall event. It will probably be July or even August before I know if we can have the event as usual, or if it will need to be tweaked to some degree considering the you-know-what. If it turns out that it is unwise to have it be a full-blown "public" festival, as it has been for the last 23 years, then I would still

like it to be a weekend for teams, teamsters, drivers, riders, implements, wagons, carts, buggies, whatever toys your heart desires to use, and just gather as like-minded folks for food, fun, and fiddling around. Keep Oct. 3 & 4 on your calendar, and we'll see what it may look like in 2 or 3 months time. There is a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/MidMODays> and I will give updates there and on the Association's page as we go along.

May everyone stay healthy, happy, safe, and sane!

Gail & Dennis

If you enjoy our newsletter & wish to contribute either time or an article - once or on a regular basis, please feel free to do so.

Happy Birthday Wishes: To our friends & family for the months of June and July to remember.

MDHMA has T shirts for sale & will be ordering more soon. If you have a favorite color let Hope know so we can see if it is available. We will be putting in an order for hats also.

****Advertise**** 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 need extra prayers in the healing process.

Condolences to Doyle Prawl for the loss of his wife Judy unexpectedly.

If you wish to share something in the newsletter please feel free to email milamari55@mac.com or teresadevasher@yahoo.com.



2020 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

MDHMA Newsletter articles are due 20th of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov.

Please Send MDHMA Events Notices to:

Robyn Holtgrewe, Secretary/Treasurer MDHMA

Calendar

Jun 13, 2020 Confirmed ADAM'S DRAFT HORSE MOW DAY; Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Association Show Grounds. Bruce Adams at 816-294-1230. For camping information and accommodations contact Cathy Youtsey 816-284-1654.

<http://northwestmissouristeamandgas.com/>
Hamilton, MO 64644

July 3-4 Cancelled Horse Progress Days, Mt. Hope Ohio

Jul 9-12, 2020 Cancelled MARK TWAIN OLD THRESHERS REUNION; Paris, Missouri Fairgrounds

Jul 18, 2020 Threshermen Plowing Bible Grove IL; Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Jul 18, 2020 Club Meeting Cunningham Barn 10AM Meeting only

Jul 20, 2020 MDHMA newsletter due date

Jul 23-25, 2020 PENDING CONFIRMATION Old Time Flywheel Reunion Draft Horse show and Horse Pull; Macon County Fairgrounds: Macon,

Missouri Pro Horse Pull 8:00 Macon, Pro Horse Pull, Show Me Draft Horse Show Jody Moss
Jul 25, 2020 Threshermen Plowing Greenville, IL; Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Aug 1, 2020 Cancelled Lathrop Mule Show; Lathrop

Aug 6-8, 2020 Ozark Empire Fair Springfield; Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N Grant Ave, Springfield, MO 65803, USA Ozark Empire Fair Springfield, MO 417-833-2660

<https://www.ozarkempirefair.com/events>

Aug 15, 2020 Threshermen Plowing Pinckneyville, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Aug 16-18, 2020; Illinois State Fair Draft Horse Show; Springfield IL; entries due July 15th see webpage

Aug 19-23, 2020 Missouri State Fair Draft Horse Show; MO-135, Sedalia, MO 65301, Wednesday horse pull 5:00 Mathewson Draft Horse Show Thursday -Sunday Mathewson Center www.mostatefair.com entries are open

Aug 22, 2020 Threshermen Plowing Altamont, IL Threshermen Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Aug 28-29, 2020 PENDING CONFIRMATION Tom Renner Belleville, IL Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Aug 29-30, 2020; Duquoin State Fair Draft Horse Show; Duquoin IL; Phil Farrell 217-855-9111

Sep 3-6, 2020 PENDING CONFIRMATION Missouri River Valley Steam Show; Boonville, MO Mila Cunningham 573-442-8417

<http://www.mrvsea.com/>

Sep 17-19, 2020 PENDING CONFIRMATION Northeast Missouri Old Threshers Shelbina, MO: John Rubison 573-822-8176

PENDING CONFIRMATION Fri Farm Draft Horse Pull Charlie Kane 660-346-6366

<http://www.nemooldthreshers.com/>

Sep 12, 2020 Threshermen Plowing Highland, IL 62249, Threshermen Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Sep 20, 2020 MDHMA newsletter due date

Sep 25-26, 2020; East Perry Community Fair; Altenburg, MO: Steve Mangels 573-270-9630

<http://www.eastperryfair.com/>



Oct 3-4, 2020; Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days: Gerald, MO 63037, Witness Tree Land and Livestock Gail Cross and Dennis Sahn Gerald, Missouri 573-764-2629 FACEBOOK

Oct 3, 2020; Threshermen Plowing Newton, IL62448, USA: Threshermen Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Oct 9-11, 2020; Living History Festival Show Lathrop, MO: 816-528-3000 during show

Oct 10, 2020; Plowing Dresden, TN 38225, USA: Contact Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930 Mike Turbeville

Oct 16-17, 2020; FALL FESTIVAL & DRAFT HORSE PLOW DAYS: Hamilton, MO 64644 please contact Cathy Youtsey at 816-284-1654. For all other show inquiries, contact Robert Blades at 816-390-0199.

<http://northwestmissouristeamandgas.com/>

Oct 16-17, 2020 Spuds Memorial Plowing Tom Eldridge 20510 Hornback St Greenview, Il 62642 217-821-5930 Jim Buzzard

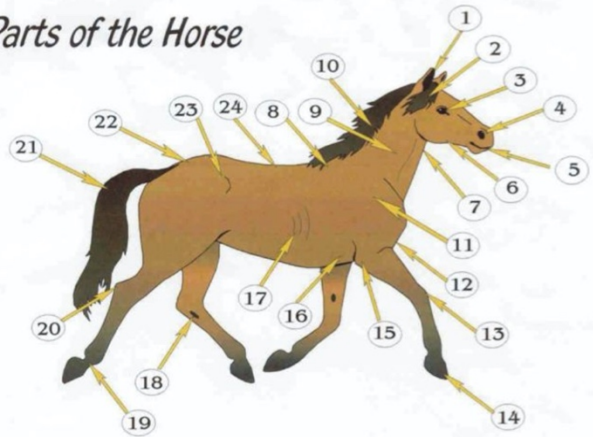
Oct 24, 2020 PENDING CONFIRMATION; Rural Heritage Day: St. Genevieve, MO: Jack Donze 573-883-5687 <https://www.visitstegen.com/rural-heritage-days/>

Oct 30-Nov 1, 2020; Val & Larry's Plowing

Nov 6-7, 2020; Dave Eichman Plow Day Levasy, MO 816-719-1383

Nov 20, 2020; MDHMA newsletter due date

Parts of the Horse



Match the number with the part.

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| ___ Neck | ___ Withers | ___ Shoulder |
| ___ Ribs | ___ Girth | ___ Chest |
| ___ Hock | ___ Elbow | ___ Muzzle |
| ___ Throat | ___ Pastern | ___ Hip |
| ___ Jaw | ___ Forelock | ___ Mane |
| ___ Back | ___ Croup | ___ Tail |
| ___ Knee | ___ Hoof | ___ Chestnut |



Adams' Annual Mow Day
Saturday June 13, 2020

At the Northwest Missouri Steam & Gas Engine Grounds
864 N.W. Osage Drive, Hamilton MO. 64644

The Missouri Draft Horse & Mule Association & Others
will be Mowing hay with Draft Horses & Mules.

For Info : **Bruce Adams** 816-294-1230 **Jean Adams** 816-296-7667

Please Note: We will **NOT** be having a group meal/gathering at Noon this year due to the Covid 19 social distancing rules & to keep people safe. Instead Bob Blades will be making his world famous steam engine powered beef stew. Teamsters & their crew can come & eat at their own convenience starting around 11ish. All others who wish to eat may do so with a freewill donation in the Northwest Missouri Steam & Gas Engine donation box that will be located near the stew

Everyone please bring a Non Refrigerated Dessert to share.

I will have a table set up in the gazebo for the desserts.
Please Social Distance at all times & frequently use hand sanitizer.
Water will be provided for Teamsters, their crew & equines.
Let's make this a safe event. If you are Sick > Stay Home
If you have been around someone who is sick > Stay Home

