

President's Message

It's a new day! Are you ready for a new year?

I am. I look forward to a better 2021. It will take time to work our way through dispersing the Covid-19 vaccine to all those who want it. Then, in time, the country can open safely so we can once again meet in person and drive together as driving enthusiasts should.

Your board is slowly making its way through the technological warren to begin online membership and board meetings. We have applied for a Google for Nonprofits meeting application and are waiting for approval.

An MRCC committee meeting will be the guinea pig as we discuss the 2021 show. Once we feel comfortable using the application we plan to move forward with board meetings as well as membership meetings. Bear with us these first few months as we explore new paths of getting together and becoming one together again.

Memberships were due at the end of December for 2021. If you forgot to send in your application, please renew now. Memberships should be mailed to our treasurer, Jerry Plummer.

Until we can meet safely again, drive safely and stay safe.

Linda



Kansas City Fire Headquarters (early 1900's)

CDSGKC 2021 Events of Interest		
Mar.5, 6, 7 Driving Derby Sat.	<i>Equifest of Kansas</i> •Saline County Expo Center, Salina, KS. • Robin Groves Clinic on Thursday 3/4 https://equifestofks.com/	785-776-0662
Mar. 6&7	KC Dressage Society Musical Freestyle Symposium. Auditors welcome \$15/day. Willow Creek Sporthorses	kcdressage.org
Mar.10-13	<i>Boone County Draft Horse & Mule Sale</i> , State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO BooneCountyDraftHorseandMule.com	Joe Raber 719-431-3137
July 10-11	<i>My Revelation Carriage Classic at Longview Horse Park.</i> Judge: TD:Susan Koso Skunk River HDT	Linda Barta lindaasb3@gmail.com
May 22&23	Pioneer Pleasure Driving Carriage Show & Training Combined Test. Seward County Nebraska Fairgrounds	bitsiowa.org Garnett Blanchford 402-681-6779 garnetblat@gmail.com
May 29-30 Jly31-Aug 1	Robin Groves Clinics - Skunk River Equestrian Center. Ames, Iowa 50010	Jada Neubauer 515-450-4820
Aug. 22&23 8am - 4pm	Michael Scott Clinic & Seminar. Lee's Summit Equestrian Center, Missouri	Judi Adams 913-441-3733
Sept. 5-10	The National Drive, Hoosier Horse Park, Indiana TheNationalDrive@gmail.com	Dave & Linda Sadler
Sept. 10-12	<i>40th Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic + CAA Carriage Showcase</i> , Villa Loouis, Prairie du Chien, WI	Mike Rider 608.326.4436 www.CarriageClassic.com
Sept.18 -19	<i>Longview by the Lake Driving Trial.</i> Officials tbd	Barbara Kirby 816-805-8252

Congratulations!

The *Carriage Association of America* recently announced that CAA Director Michael Rider from Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, is the new chairperson of their Membership Committee. Michael is a longtime member and supporter of CDSGKC and has competed here many times. He is also the longtime Organizer of the *Villa Louis Carriage Classic* where many of our members have enjoyed competing. One of his main goals will be to recruit new members to the CAA. If you enjoy the history and traditions of horse drawn vehicles and driving in general check out their website www.CAAOnline.com

American Driving Society's New Website

by Hardy Zantke

Happy New Year! Have you checked out the new ADS website? I think it's quite interesting and substantial, and offers much even for non ADS members - but of course even more for members.

You can set up your own membership profile - AND you can subscribe to their various discussion forums. Not much there yet - but I just started a thread in the Combined Driving Forum about the new FEI dressage tests for singles - which are quite interesting with lots of new stuff.

If you are interested (and are an ADS member) take a look there (and become a member, if you are not yet). Hope to see you there. Stay safe.hardy

Great story in KC Star —

History of Longview: KCQ dreams of 'world's most beautiful farm' outside Kansas City

By Joanna Marsh January 14, 2021

This article is full of great information and photographs from the Kansas City Star Archives.

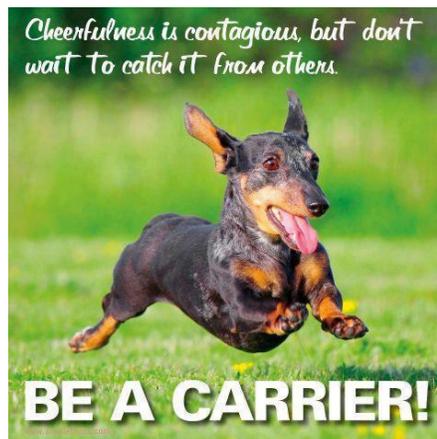
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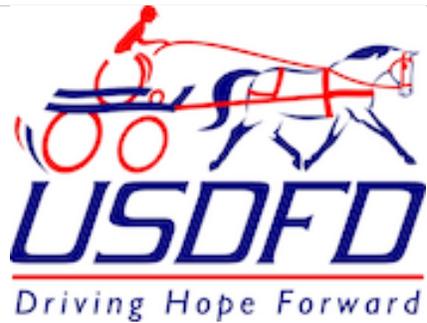
Covid-type hardships aren't new

by Julie Denesha at julie@kcur.org

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James Beatty Mahaffie and his wife Lucinda arrived in Olathe in 1857. Their farm is now a historic site and is the last remaining stagecoach stop left on the Santa Fe Trail. "The Mahaffie family endured a lot of what was going on here during the Border War and Civil War," she says. "They endured their own challenges with disease and they managed to survive. It may look a little grim now, but you will survive and we will get through it and we will learn a lot, just like the Mahaffie family did back in the 1860s and 70s."





Shop the online U.S. Driving for the Disabled driving tack sale. Lots of great prices! Shop early, and come back to watch for additional postings. **ENDS January 31st!!!**
Go to <https://www.32auctions.com/USDFD>

Thanks to the generous donations of former **Bellcrown Carriages and Tedmans/Zilco driving tack retailer Linda Palagi of Calyn Carriages**, the US Driving for the Disabled is holding an online tack sale. Funds from this event will go in our general fund to support our Para Drivers and can be used for clinics, education, and Team USA.

This is not an auction; it is a sale. The listed "buy it now" price is the price to pay. Please click on the item and scroll past any ads to read the description and shipping options (buyer pays shipping).

We just added two Carriage Driving Pendants donated by **Molly's Custom Silver**

These are Silent Auction items to bring in the New Year.



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Blanketing Basics

by Glenye Cain Oakford | Jan 4, 2021, *US Equestrian Weekly*

When temperatures drop, many horse owners' thoughts turn to blankets. And with horse clothing choices ranging from summer scrims to heavyweight blankets with attached neck covers for deepest midwinter, it's no wonder they often find themselves wondering which blanket best suits their horses and the weather conditions. We asked Hagyard Equine Medical Institute's Dr. Rhonda Rathgeber and Horseware Ireland's Caoimhe Derham for their advice.

Not all horses need blanketing (or "rugging"), according to experts, because a full winter coat is well designed to protect the horse from the cold. "That coat gets heavy in the winter for a reason, and it stands on end and acts as a layer of insulation when it gets cold to keep the body warm," said Rathgeber. "I don't think any of them need blanketing if it's dry outside and there's no wind," he said of unclipped horses with a full winter coat. "But horses that are clipped do need to be blanketed probably anywhere from 40 degrees Fahrenheit and below."

When to Blanket?

A good rule of thumb for blanketing unclipped horses is consider three factors: wind, wet, and cold. If any two of those conditions exist, it's as well to toss on some sort of blanket, although unclipped horses who are healthy and fairly young will not normally need heavy blanketing. Be sure to keep water- and windproof blankets on hand, too, for those inclement conditions.

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Two terms to be familiar with about blankets are denier and fill. Here's a rule of thumb: the higher the denier, the sturdier the fabric. Fill, also known as polyfill, is the batting inside the blanket. The fill weight indicates how heavy or warm the blanket is: lightweight blankets generally are around 100 grams to 200 grams, medium weights are often around 200 grams, and heavyweights can be 350 grams or more.

For a turnout rug, you should also look for one that has a high waterproofness and breathability rating,—waterproofed to 3000 mm and breathable to 3000 g.



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