

Draft Horse, Mule Assoc. Meets

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ROARING SPRING (Blair County) — Terry (Woody) and Dr. Gail Woodring hosted the annual Pennsylvania Draft Horse and Mule Association on a recent spring day on their farm.

About 70 people attended from all parts of the state.

"It's a sharing experience," says Gail. "We teach others how to ride, breed, make money with draft horses, and share experiences."

While the event began on Saturday, those who stayed over for Sunday enjoyed a wagon train ride. A skillet breakfast of potatoes, sausage, onion, and eggs started the day.

Events throughout Saturday included a program on proper feeding presented by Mark F. James, DVM and Linda Thorns talking about show braiding and tail tying.

Terry Woodring showed his guests how to properly fit and harness a draft horse.

Chris Cole presented a program on the importance of minerals in the diet.

During the afternoon, 4-H members learned how to properly show

a draft horse and lessons in driving were given.

"I remember participating in one of those driving classes," smiles Gail Woodring. "I could barely drive one in the beginning. By the end of the weekend, I was driving a team of six."

"We do just about anything a draft horse can do," says Shannon Maning from York. "We show them, ride them, drive them."

"I already know a lot but still learned a few things at this meeting," she says. Shannon has Percherons.

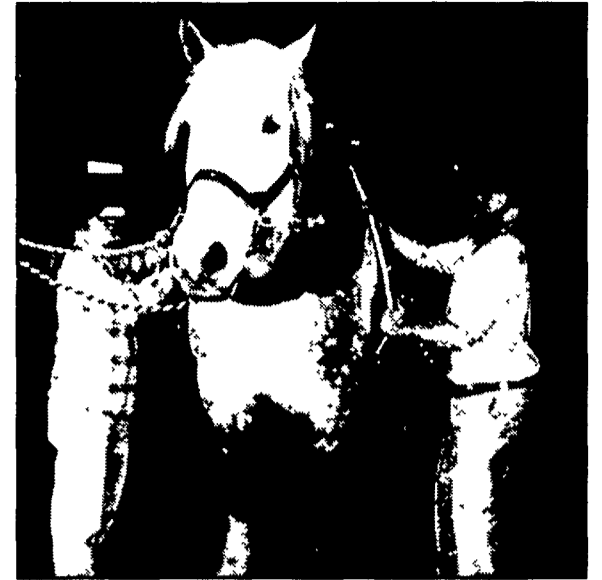
Tammy Furry from New Enterprise has Clydesdales. "I use them for raking hay, plowing, hauling manure, weddings, and picnics," she says. Tammy grew up in a family with draft horses and fell in love with them at an early age.

She was working with Judge Jess Darlington from Centre Hall in teaching 4-H members how to show their horses.

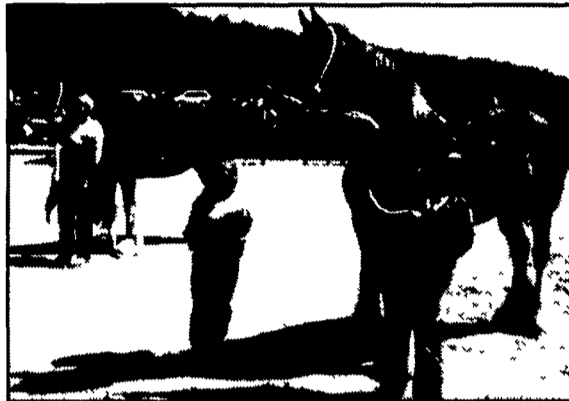
"We just think it's been a great weekend," Terry Woodring said as he turned around to show off his t-shirt which read, "Life is simple. Eat, sleep, drive horses!"



Woody Woodring and Leonard Furry show off their t-shirts while they harness a Clydesdale.



Terry (Woody) Woodring, right, demonstrates the technique of harnessing a draft horse.



Above, Morgan Marisic of Breezewood (right) and Laura Wallacer of Duncansville were two of the 4-H members learning how to show draft horses. This horse belongs to Tammy Furry.



Shannon Maning of York with her Percheron.

Below, Tammy Furry drives her Clydesdale around the Woodring track.



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