



4th ANNUAL

# BASICS & BEYOND

## EQUINE DRIVING CLINIC

5 Clinicians  
& Missy Patchen

LESSONS  
ALL DAY BOTH DAYS

May 30 & 31, 2026 Heartland Equestrian Center  
Custer, WI

## Basics & Beyond Featured Clinicians

80 private lesson slots will be available over this 2-day period – our panel of 5 very experienced clinicians are ready to share their horsemanship and advanced driving skills – they'll be working concurrently in 5 separate areas!

You won't find a more impressive array of talent available to you at one time in one location!

### Julie Dahlberg

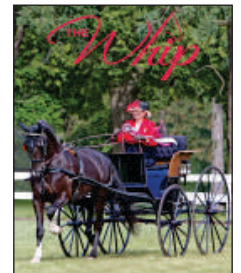
has been in love with horses her life and has been riding and/or her own horses for 40 years. Julie helping kids and 'kids at heart' their horsemanship skills. The Dahlberg family has been showing their large ponies in combined driving events and pleasure shows. Julie and her family are all active members of the Northwoods Harness Club in Wisconsin.



in 2018 coming in 6th in the nation. She is an ADS "R" in combined driving, an experienced clinician and instructor, a winner of championships in all divisions in combined driving and pleasure shows. *And, she loves teaching and helping people enjoy driving horses in a safe manner.*

### Deb Moll Sauer

is a long-time member of DDC. She has been an advocate for the Club and presented at various clinics on an instructional basis, participated in and helped organize and has driven at DDC pleasure drives with many of her horses. She's ridden and shown Arabian horses around the US/Canada, including Ride 'n Drive classes, Walnut Hill and most Midwest shows. She's been driving and winning classes and divisions at Villa Louis for 25+ years!



### Wes Licht

has been riding and driving ponies and horses since he was six years old (a lot of years!). He has participated successfully in combined driving events, carriage classics and competitive (driving events throughout the Midwest. He has often been a presenter and an instructor at horse driving clinics where he enjoys sharing his knowledge. He has demonstrated regularly at the Midwest Horse Fair. Wes is a founding member and has served as president of the Dairyland Driving Club, Inc. Wes specializes in teaching horses to drive and people to drive them.



### Joe Yoder

A carriage-driving professional with a history of excellence in competitive driving, Joe was raised on an Amish farm in Iowa, where he cultivated a lifelong passion for horses, beginning his show career in 2004. In 2011, he won the National Pair Championship at Live Oak International in Ocala, FL. Following that, he represented the US Team in Germany, earning an International Bronze Medal. Joe was the carriage driving manager and trainer for Kohler Stables in Kohler, WI, from 2015-20. Joe can be found at his training farm in Hancock, WI, driving horses, training horses, and giving driving lessons. Joe is also the MWHF driving clinician for 2025 and 2026!



### Mary Ruth Marks

is the founder and 1st president of DDC - a position she held for 20 years! She created the Teach Your Horse to Drive video, was long-listed 3 times for the US team - with 2 of her own single horses in 2010 and with her own 4-in-hand



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<https://www.dairylanddrivingclub.com>

# Basics & Beyond 2026

An Equine Driving Clinic to fit your individual needs!

Our clinicians are all champion drivers – proficient in basic training and beyond – skilled in all forms of competitive driving and will be able to help you whether you drive around your farm, drive with friends, participate in organized pleasure trail drives, or compete in pleasure shows, cones driving, dressage and obstacle driving in CDEs.

You let us know what you and/or your equine partner are seeking from this opportunity when you

register and your clinician will structure your session(s) accordingly.

We can also check the fit of your harness and the suitability of your vehicle for you, your equine and your driving goals.

This is an opportunity to get hands-on instruction for what you feel you need help with. Or, maybe you just want to work out some kinks or brush up on your skills and fine-tune your turnout.



## Welcome Missy Patchen

Missy Patchen & Optimum Equine Performance specializes in the wellness of driving horses of all shapes and sizes. Services include trigger point Equine Sports Massage Therapy, MagnaWave PEMF, Red Light Therapy, Cold Laser, Myofascial Release, Stretching, Cupping. Appointments will take approximately 60-90 minutes per horse and will include Massage, MagnaWave, and Red Light. Blading and cold laser services based on the assessment of your equine and their needs at no additional charge. These total care package sessions are \$120 per equine and you contract with Missy on site.

She will be available for bodywork on your equine partners for the duration of the Basics & Beyond Equine Driving Clinic - Saturday & Sunday.

[optimumequineperformance@gmail.com](mailto:optimumequineperformance@gmail.com) 715 645 0802



# Basics & Beyond 2025 Venue

HEARTLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTER - [heartlandec.com](http://heartlandec.com)

Heartland Equestrian Center is located about in the middle of the state and slightly to the east - 5 miles east of I-39 (Stevens Point) off Hwy 10 East in Custer, WI. The facility is perfectly suited to driving events: Indoor Arena - 80FT x 200FT with Seating Area; a smaller Indoor Arena, large Outside Arena with seating; a fenced Grass Arena; a PA System, Rest Rooms & Café, Port-A-Potty, parking, etc.

Stabling as well as overnight camping is available.



Driving pictures not available

# Basics & Beyond 2024 Highlights

Photos by Jennings Photo & Art



For more photos  
from all 3 previous  
Basics & Beyond Clinics  
visit Jennings Photography  
& Art on Facebook



# Basics & Beyond Clinic Details

Driver / Auditor / Groom / Navigator / Helper

## REGISTRATION / DEADLINES:

Registration is open upon receipt of this Registration Packet and complete when completed registration form and full payment is received by USPS mail.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We will acknowledge receipt by email and keep you apprised of your scheduled lesson(s) times.

## DRIVERS & GROOMS:

We are offering private lessons Sat. & Sun. May 30 & May 31 to adult and junior drivers (with your equine and vehicle) at the rate of \$100 per lesson -- you may sign up for multiple lessons, preferably one each day. There is no extra charge for your groom or helper and they need not be a DDC member. Individual lessons will each be 45-50 min.

If you are not a current Dairyland Driving Club member, please add \$20 for an Individual Membership or \$30 for a Family Membership thru Dec. 31, 2026.

*If you would like to have your lesson with a specific clinician, we will try to accommodate your request if possible.*

*We will not be hitching horses/ponies that have never been hitched at this Clinic. Please be aware also, if anything appears to be unsafe, you may be asked to unhitch.*

Lesson horse/pony may be available. Call for more info - the rate for those lessons will be \$125.

## CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS:

Cancellations will be accepted w/vet excuse if we can fill the lesson slot.

## AUDITING:

Auditing will be FREE if you are a 2026 DDC member. If you would like to audit and aren't a member, the fee will be \$15 and includes both days. If you wish to become

an individual member thru Dec. 31, 2026, add \$5; for a household membership add \$15. Auditors will be able to register on site or in advance by mail with the registration form and accompanied by payment.

*Auditors will be asked to refrain from questions during individual lessons.*

*Question and Answer periods will be provided.*

*Please bring a lawn chair.*

## STABLING / TRAILER-IN FEE:

A daily trailer-in fee by Heartland Equestrian Center - \$10/day if you're working out of your trailer and don't have a stall.

Stabling is available and fees for such are by Heartland Equestrian Center - \$30/overnight or \$25 for the day only.

## CAMPING:

Camping is offered by Heartland Equestrian Center - \$15/night no electric; \$25/night with electric (no ground ties in area).

## PETS ON GROUNDS:

Please keep your pet on a leash at all times and pick up manure.

## COGGINS / HEALTH PAPERS:

Heartland Equestrian Center has the following policy: Proof of negative Coggins is required - bring 2 copies of your horse's current Coggins and 1 copy of vaccination records (available from your veterinarian). Unvaccinated horses cannot enter Heartland EC for safety reasons. **If you do not have a current Coggins and vaccination record and/or do not have it with you, participation will be denied and NO refund will be issued.** Please have Health Papers, if applicable.

## MEALS ON GROUNDS:

Heartland EC offers a Cafe on site.

## RESTROOMS:

Restrooms are provided near the indoor arena. Port-A-Potties are also on site.

# Basics & Beyond Registration Form

## Driver / Auditor / Groom / Navigator / Helper

**DRIVER**     Adult     Junior (under 18 years of age)    Parent or legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM / NAVIGATOR / HELPER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Pony Breed \_\_\_\_\_     Mare     Gelding     Lesson Horse  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_     Single     Pair

What type of driving do you do?     Around my property     Trail Driving     4-H Shows  
     Pleasure Driving Shows     CDE/HT/CT

**FIRST LESSON:**    Indicate your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice for your desired 1st lesson time/day - put a 1, 2 or 3 in the box please  
     Saturday AM     Saturday PM     Sunday AM     Sunday PM

**SECOND LESSON:**    Indicate your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice for your desired 2nd lesson time/day - put a 1, 2 or 3 in the box please  
     Saturday AM     Saturday PM     Sunday AM     Sunday PM

**AUDITOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

FEES: Please make check payable to Dairyland Driving Club or DDC	DDC Member	Non-Member <small>(Individual \$20 Household \$30)</small>	Junior	TOTAL
LESSON @ \$100 ea. (your equine/vehicle) \$125 ea. (lesson horse)	_____	_____	_____	_____
AUDITOR - FREE to DDC Member / Non-Member \$15 . . . . .	_____	_____	_____	_____

**ADDITIONAL FEES CHARGED BY HEARTLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTER:**

Please indicate and include with your registration - check payable to DDC

<b>Trailer-In</b> \$10/day <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<b>Stabling</b> \$30/night \$25/day <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<b>Camping w/o electric</b> \$15/night <small>No overnight ground ties when camping</small> <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN	<b>Camping w/electric</b> \$25/night <small>No overnight ground ties when camping</small> <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> SUN
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**Mail this completed Registration Form front/back with check payable to Dairyland Driving Club to:**  
 Nancy Nelson (Organizer), DDC  
 106 E. Park St., Westfield, WI 53964

**PLEASE USE NEXT PAGE FOR  
 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
 AND SPECIAL CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE**

# *Basics & Beyond Registration Form*

*Comments - Additional Information - Special Concerns*

What is your driving experience?

What is your horse's experience?

What are your goals?

1.

2.

3.

Any additional comments and/or concerns:

Do you have a preference for Clinician? *We will accommodate your request if possible.*

*- Thank You! -*

**Additional questions: [nanelson@frontier.com](mailto:nanelson@frontier.com) or 608 494 0220**