

# Maple Crest Farms Newsletter

**September 2017**

Blazing Saddles 4-H Club member Olivia Grude, with Cinnamon, represented Maple Crest Farms this year at the Erie County Fair, bringing home trophies, ribbons and lots of lasting memories. One of the best ones was her 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Saturday night's fun show riding Cinnamon in Egg & Spoon.



The Erie County 4-H Drill Team performed on both Thursday and Saturday nights this year. Team members from left to right: Katie Dodd & Kelista, Mel Lindner & Blackie, Kayliegh Holliday-Davis (Drill Team Announcer), Olivia Grude & Cinnamon, Angela Barbour (Drill Team Master), Skylee Taus & Obsession, and Korra Showalter & Petey. They were awesome!



## WHAO Summer Classic & Ohio Regional Futurity Saturday, August 19, 2017

This show was held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds in Ashland, Ohio. So many memories have been created and enjoyed over the years at this facility. Just ask anyone who has competed here and smiles will grow while they share a story or two. This year was no different. We renewed relationships and friendly competitiveness during the battle for the elusive blue ribbon. This WHAO show offered 62 classes of competition. The classes ranged from weanlings, yearlings onward through the gamut of more aged horses – walking, riding, and driving. Also presented were lead line classes and the famous stick horse. Although the classes were competitive there were plenty of laughs and smiles to go around. Even in the preparation areas – forgot something needed to show – just ask about it and it would appear from someone. Everyone cheered and supported all others. What a great feeling of comradeship and acceptance was exhibited by all the horse people. Even if you didn't achieve a 1<sup>st</sup> place in your respective class, when the show finished you carried home a blue ribbon glow. What more could be asked from our horses and friendships?

Maple Crest carried three entries to the show – Dante (yearling), Gypsy (weanling), and Cshet (3 yr. old under saddle). Once at the show we were joined by Shari Love and her weanling colt – Legacy's Black Honor. In each class this foursome were fierce in their presentation. All four came to collect their due.

For the weanlings it was their very first show. Their owners collected many firsts of their own. Shari is a seasoned show person in the Paint Horse world but this was her first presentation for Walking Horses. So new rules and demands made for a learning experience. Her colt took it in stride and conducted itself admirably. Gypsy, with new owner Jillian Stokes, was a story unto herself. Neither Gypsy or Jillian had ever presented in a show ring previously. Both presented in a professional manner and came away with the blue ribbon. As the pair left the show ring I asked Joyce Marie what Jillian thought of the experience. I was told Jillian's smile couldn't be any bigger and she was walking about 6 inches off the ground with happiness. Jillian danced in joy and Gypsy's attitude reflected "Of course – why doubt?" P.S. If you see a string floating thru the air – grab it and pull down! It might be Jillian floating away.

### Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Edison Woods Poker Run, Berlin Heights, OH
- Oct. 1–7<sup>th</sup> – NWA National Championship, Memphis, TN
- Oct. 27-28<sup>th</sup> – MOWHA Fall Roundup, Eden Park, Sunbury, OH

As always, we are thankful for having all of you as friends.

*Terry and Joyce*