

# Mid-Ohio Walking Horse Association

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## MOWHA Ohio Classic

The Ohio Classic was a wonderful show with  
ous sponsors and a list of class winners is included in this issue. Thanks so much for the all support of our sponsors and exhibitors - we rely on you to make our shows successful.

great support! A listing of our gener-

We had 63 horses and 359 entries. That's an average of over 5 entries per horse! The 2020 Ohio Classic was a record breaker but the 2021 Ohio Classic was also a very competitive and well attended show.....and we had only a minimum amount of rain! The exhibitor dinner was excellent - pasta with a selection of sauces, salad and garlic bread. This was very well received by our hungry exhibitors.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make our shows possible. I'll try to list them all.....but this is dangerous territory as I will probably miss someone! Thanks to **office staff** - Susie Mackanos, Patty Janisch, Amy Messersmith and Athena Lowe; **stalls & campers** - Matt Janisch and David Messersmith; **center ring** - Mag Ranft, Wendy Kaufman, Marianne Springer and Athena Lowe; **Gates** - Gayle Dodde, Diane Smith, David Messersmith.... **and many others.**

I should take notes at the show so I don't miss anyone.....(yeah, like that will get done). We appreciate all who support our shows and hope to see you at the MOWHA Fall Round Up on October 15 & 16 in the indoor arena in Springfield, Ohio.

## OHIO SHOWS

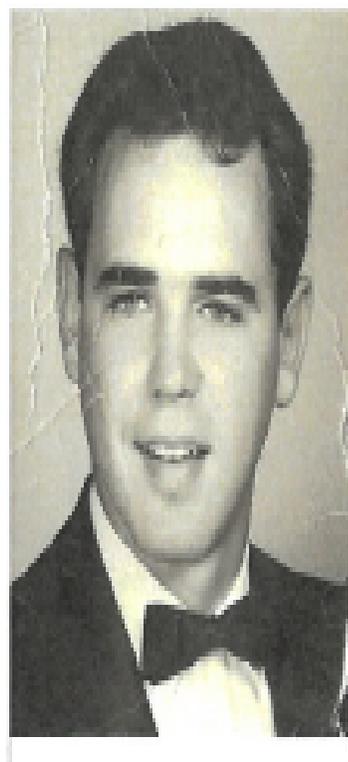
Please plan to attend the upcoming WHAO shows on August 21st in Ashland, OH and September 24 & 25th in Jackson, OH. Both of these shows are MOWHA Single Point Shows. It's very important that we support Ohio shows so that we have a local show circuit! Showbills are included in this newsletter

## MOWHA MEMBERSHIP

Some of our 2020 members haven't yet paid your 2021 dues. Since we didn't have a high point banquet early this year, we missed the opportunity to get dues paid then. You must be a member of MOWHA by the Fall show in order to be eligible for high point consideration.....plus, we need your support and we want to continue to keep you informed of TWH events in this area! Please renew your membership as soon as you can. A membership form is included in this newsletter and is available

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## Tribute & Message From The Family



Gordon Wayne Lawler passed away on August 4, 2021 from results of a spinal cord injury, 4 years ago. He was born on June 9, 1940 in Anderson and was a Madison County resident most of his life. He graduated from Highland High School in 1958 and Purdue University in 1965. He was a Purdue honor roll student in the School of Veterinary Science and was a veterinarian for nearly 50 years and built and operated the Devonshire Veterinary Clinic on Scatterfield Road in Anderson. Many of his clients became lifelong friends.

He practiced in Greensburg, Indiana at the Greensburg Veterinary Clinic for 3 wonderful years before returning to Anderson. He was a member of the Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association for 57 years, a member of the Omicron Chapter of Phi Zeta, a veterinary honor society that promotes research to the welfare of animals. He served on the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners appointed by Gov. Bowen for four years. In 1982, Gov. Orr appointed him to serve a four year term as a member of the Controlled Substance Advisory Committee. From this work, Gov. Orr appointed him Sagamore of the Wabash. He was a loving dad to Dr. Jerrilee Cave, Christa Toby, and Dr. Juliana Gaeta.

He was preceded in death by parents, Hector and Gyneth Lawler, his sister, Gykala Jones, brother-in-law, Tom Slinkard, and nephew, Kevin Simpson.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Pamela; daughters, Dr. Jerrilee Cave of Markleville, IN, Christa Toby of Norfolk, VA, and Dr. Juliana (José) Gaeta of Lafayette, IN; grandchildren, Clayton (Heidi) Cave of Markleville, Ashlynn Jent, Markleville, Maya Gaeta, Lafayette, and Esiquio Gaeta, Lafayette; nephew, Christopher (Ruby) Simpson; and great-grandchild, Rhett Wayne Cave.

Gordon had wonderful veterinary friends, Dr. John Overleese, Dr. Roy Coolman, Dr. Dave Thoma, Dr. Bill Haines, Dr. Bill Disque, Dr. Leon Thacker, Dr. Neil Perrel, Dr. Kent Daugherty, and many who visited each month.

For 19 years, Gordon was Treasurer of the National Walking Horse Association founded in 1998 for promoting the sound horse. It has now become one of the most trusted and reputable organizations providing horse shows for walking, spotted saddle, and racking horses.

At Purdue, he was also in the Acacia Fraternity and following his graduation, he missed very few Purdue basketball games. All three daughters graduated from Purdue. They all love and miss him already.

The family would like to thank Rebecca Wices and Dr. Mark Lawlor for such good care on his journey.

The visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2021 at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson, IN 46013. The funeral ceremony will be at 12 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2021 at the funeral home. Burial will happen in East Maplewood Cemetery. Pastor John Hackney will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be donated to NeuroHope, 6002 Sunnyside Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46236. <https://donate.chip-in.us/?nonprofitId=105424>.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 21 - WHAO Summer Classic & Ohio Regional Futurity - Ashland County Fairgrounds, Ashland, Ohio. A MOWHA Single point show! Showbill included.**

**September 24 & 25 - WHAO Buckeye Fall Classic - Henderson Arena, Jackson, Ohio. A MOWHA Single point show! Showbill included.**

**September 27 - October 2 - NWA National - Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. Showbill included.**

**October 15 & 16 - Mid Ohio Fall Round Up - Champions Expo Center Indoor Arena, Springfield, OH. A MOWHA Double point show. Showbill included.**

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## **STANDING AT STUD:**

**Duke is a black stallion by Dark Spirit's Rebel out of a Genius x Mack K Mare. He was bred at Harlensdale Farm in Franklin, Tn and is one of the only direct Rebel studs still standing. His get have wonderful gaits, dispositions and have been show and trail horses. Galaxy was one of the first foals and has done well nationally. He has had sorrels, blacks and bays from sorrel mare. The foals have a "people" personality and love attention.**

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