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Silver Buckle Newsletter

(BEGINNING 2025, THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION)
BY CINDI OLSON, BOARD SECRETARY



WELCOME KAREN, OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEMBER!

Greetings SBYEC!

I am excited to join the Board of Directors for the Silver Buckle, and share my enthusiasm for all things equine to help the organization continue to do the amazing things it is already doing. For those that don't know me, I have been involved with horses since I was a little girl. My parents leased a pony for me when I was in the 3rd grade in Oregon City, and that kicked off a lifelong appreciation for the horses. I completed nine years of the 4-h horse program in Clackamas County, OR with my appaloosa gelding 'George', and then went off to college where I showed on the Boston University Intercollegiate Equestrian Team in hunt seat equitation and over fences. Following my return to the Portland, Oregon area for work after college graduation, I started working in the engineering field. During that time, I bought my first POA, a lovely gelding named Jackson. I met Peggy Neikirk and her family in the late 1990's showing POA's, and was involved as a board member on the Oregon and Washington POA Clubs as far back as 1999.

Over the years I've had the good luck to buy and sell several horses and ponies, often rehabilitating rescue horses and retraining them to be good kids horses. Currently, I live with my family (husband Sean, and two kids Keagan and Cassidy, both in middle school) on our farm in Washougal, WA. We have two double registered Appaloosa/POA ponies, Stella and Eddie, whom my kids and I both ride and show. I still work in the engineering field, currently at the Federal Highway Administration, as a member of project teams who fix roads and bridges in the National Park System of the western USA. I'm excited to bring my over 30 years local experience with the equine community to help the Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center continue to grow and service the greater Clark County community.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH:

January 1-4: End 2024 Winter Break
January 6: First Lessons of 2025
January 11: Books at the Buckle
January 17: 4H Trail Clinic & Ride Night
January 31: 4H Ride Night
February 14: 4H Poles Clinic & Ride Night
February 28: 4H Ride Night
March 6: First Rising Stars Class of 2025
March 14: 4H Ride Night
March 28: 4H Ride Night

REIN & SHINE 4-H CLUB

AT THE OCTOBER 4-H MEETING, OLIVE AND JESSICA DEMONSTRATED THE USE OF GROUND DRIVING AND LONG LINES. WE TRY TO INCLUDE AN EDUCATIONAL SESSION AT EACH MEETING, BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF 4-H IS EDUCATION. CHARLIE BULLCREEK WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO TRY IT OUT AND OLIVE RESPONDED TO HIS CUES. GOOD GIRL!

PICTURES BY ELISE OVERBAGH



REIN & SHINE 4-H CLUB



A FUN PIC WITH MONTANA!



RIDE NIGHT



PEPPERMINT AND PONIES HOLIDAY EVENT

ON DECEMBER 14, APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL EVENT WHERE THE PUBLIC WAS INVITED TO VISIT THE FACILITY TO MEET THE HORSES AND GOATS, TAKE PICTURES WITH SANTA, MAKE CRAFTS, AND ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE AND CIDER.

ATTENDEES LEARNED ABOUT THE STORY OF EACH HORSE, AND ALONG WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS, THE REIN & SHINE 4-H CLUB (SPONSORED BY SBYEC), SHARED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HORSES AND SHOWED PEOPLE AROUND THE FACILITY.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE EVENT AND PROVIDED BY KEN TORRE AND JESSICA OVERBAGH. ENJOY!



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A WONDERFUL
NEW YEAR!