



Upcoming Events:

- September 6: Make-up Lessons from Labor Day
- September 7: Books at the Buckle (1-2:30 pm)
- September 20: Board of Directors Meeting
- September 28: Fosterful Event @ 10:00 am
- October 19: Halloween Carnival and Horse Costume Contest

Staff Spotlight:

Sarah Long has been an instructor at Silver Buckle since the fall of 2021. While she has worn many hats during her time with us, her current role is teaching on Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings. She grew up around horses and learned how to handle and ride them from various programs like 4-H, High School Equestrian Team, and Back Country Horsemen, and other amazing horsemen and women in the North West.



She also spent many years supporting 4-H and OHSET as a junior leader, and those skills served her well when she began teaching our students and when she became a 4-H Leader herself this past year.

When asked about her approach to lessons she says, "My approach is first assess each student to see where I can help them improve but also to spend time getting to know them and what their reasons for wanting to take lessons at Silver Buckle are. What makes horses so amazing is that they themselves can be excellent teachers and partners but you have to learn how to communicate with them on the ground and on the saddle. My goal is to teach the tools needed to communicate with horses and build a partnership that allows horse and student to overcome challenges together."

Although Sarah teaches in both english and western tack, her preferred discipline is Western Performance. When not at the ranch, Sarah enjoys reading and spending time with her two Corgi's - Phoebe and Mabel. Thanks for everything you do Sarah!



This month we celebrate our
adorable goats.

Bella, Fancy, Lilly, Norbert,
Clover and Willow!



Goats joined the ranch in 2020, and we started with just two - Bella (black African Pygmy goat) and Fancy (Black and White Nigerian Dwarf).

When Fancy started getting a little chunky, we were pleasantly surprised to find out that she was pregnant! Fancy delivered twins Norbert (the giant white monster goat) and Lilly (chocolate with a very ladylike beard), in February of 2021.

Our little goat herd got bigger towards the end of 2022 when Clover (tri-color Nigerian Dwarf) and Willow (black and tan Nigerian Dwarf) joined us! These two ladies are owned by a friend of the ranch, and we love their sweet personalities. Where the original herd might get a little rambunctious, Clover and Willow are proper ladies who just want scratches and treats.

You can find the goats either napping or headbutting, and sometimes both at the same time!!

Submitted by Kassandra Bullcreek

Rein & Shine 4-H Club Activities

CLARK COUNTY FAIR!

The Rein & Shine 4-H Club showed at the Clark County Fair in August. It was a very fun and exciting experience. We brought home lots of ribbons, but that wasn't the point...

Let's talk about RESILIENCE. I would much rather see resilience in a young rider than ribbons.

Ribbons can come at any time...at a different life stage, on a different horse, in another discipline, when the stars align and everything works out. When a kid is able to own their own heart horse and ride and train as much as they can. When they can afford lessons, arena time, tack, trailers... all the things that it takes.

RESILIENCE and SPORTSMANSHIP is what I saw in our 4-H riders at the Fair. We were all new and this was our FIRST 4-H fair. We had THREE last minute horse changes for kids, which means they didn't qualify for ribbons (4-H is based on the premise that a child has a project horse that they work on for a year and bring to fair, showing their progress and training.) BUT, these kids STILL showed up, knowing they weren't going to go home with the fancy ribbons or medals (they received danishes). They still bathed, exercised ponies, picked stalls, cleaned tack, and SHOWED UP.

At fair, I saw resilience from team members...they pushed past fear to try something new, they set goals and worked HOURS to meet them, they rolled with changes and adapted to new circumstances, and they went back into the ring and performed after difficulties, when it would have just been easier to quit.

This is why I love horses. We've all heard this before... it's not about the ribbons! It's about GROWTH. These kids learn to care for and put another being first, they learn hard work, they learn how to win gracefully and deal with failures. I love the opportunities that 4-H brings for kids. The fair was a blast and we will be there again next year.

"You grow through what you go through."

Submitted by Jessica Overbagh



Clark County Fair - more pictures!



RESILIENCE!!



Rein & Shine 4-H Club Activities



SPORTSMANSHIP



Clark County Fair - and more pics!





SO MUCH FUN!







UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

