Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Featured Employee
Madeline

Meet Madeline, one of our hard-working barn hands! She has been at the Buckle for two years now, cleaning stalls and feeding the horses throughout the week. She jumps in to help whenever needed, and is quite good with the horses. Madeline is brave and capable... She bosses the horses around when they're a bit excited, even though they're much bigger than her! She purchased her horse, Malibu (a Paint) one year ago and we have watched them grow in their partnership together. In addition to working and riding, Madeline spends her time in school. She plans to be a preschool teacher someday. Thanks for being a part of SBYEC, Madeline!



Meet our Lesson Horse!
Shanti

Shanti is a 23-year-old Fell Pony, leased to us from the Joseph family (thank you!) She has been in our program for a little over a year now and is well-known for her kind, sweet demeanor. As a former brood mare, she tends to exude a "mothering" vibe.
Shanti is best at walk/trot and is very stable and sure-footed (due to her sturdy build) for young and adult riders.

The Fell Pony is a working breed from northwest England. In fact, Queen Elizabeth owned and rode a Fell Pony during her later riding years. We feel very fortunate as an organization to have such a variety of breeds in our lesson program and this mare in particular. Thank you, Shanti!



Student Highlight
Kalaya

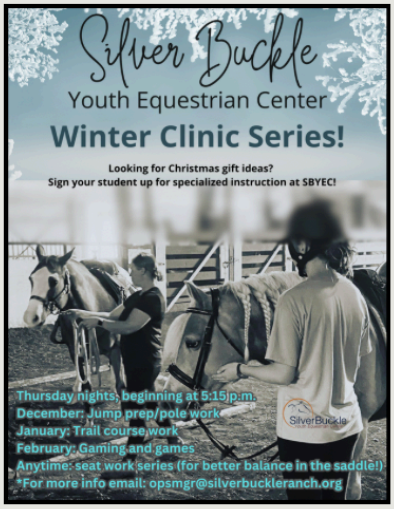
By: Sarah Long

Kalaya has been a passionate and dedicated student from day one. Even when trying something new, she's always willing to work together with me and the lesson horses to grow her skills. While I can see her frustration at times when things get difficult, I can tell she truly loves being around horses and wants to continue to become the best equestrian she can. I have no doubt she will be able to.

Here, Kalaya is pictured with Lady Grey, a horse who lives at her great-grandparent's house.



Giving Opportunity:
Donate a Peppermints & Ponies ticket to the Transitional Youth Faithful Friends mentorship program. Transitional Youth offers support to at-risk youth needing assistance when faced with poverty, homelessness, aging out of foster care, etc. Your ticket donation will allow a mentor or mentee to come to our event for free! (Cost: $10)



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OUR HALLOWEEN EVENT





















We had a blast dressing up for the Halloween event this year. Be sure to join us next year!

Top left to right: Ken & the tractor, Emmerson the Piglet, Tara & Rico, Tara teaches roping, Elise & Rocky, Ella & "Montana", Minions: the Voyles & Winston, Angel & Ziva, Charlie & the Trotters, Buggie & Jhett & Shawna

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Rein & Shine 4-h Club Corner: Our fair experience

















By: Elise Overbagh, age 13

Being an Intermediate, especially one who wanted to do pretty much everything that the 4-H horse project had to offer, you could say that my Fair was pretty busy. I indulged in every opportunity possible (except for gaming, jumping, and bareback), and had the most fun that I could manage in each one. I even stepped out of my main project and ventured into Creative Arts and Geology, completing a model campsite, a hand embroidery, and three separate polished rocks, all of which I entered into the still exhibits at Fair. As for my main project, I competed in western pleasure, dressage, dressage equitation (both English and western), reining, hunt seat eq, western judge's command, trail, and all of the small equine events (excluding driving).

Along with the riding classes, I competed in all of the educational events, which are horse judging, hippology, and horse bowl, along with doing a public presentation titled "How to Clean Tack in Five Steps". I thoroughly enjoyed everything I did, though the competitive side of me did them to try and gain the Golden Horseshoe Award, which I didn't end up getting, but still earned a neat medal signifying that I put in the work to try to get the award.

Although I competed a lot, I still had to work at Fair, doing herdsmanship. I am one of the very few people who actually enjoy this task. I love sweeping the aisles and spraying them to keep the dust down, filling water buckets, talking to the public, and cleaning out stalls. My friend Ella and I were there from dawn to dusk almost every day, so even when we weren't on shift, we would work on herdsmanship in our free time, as we are both the kind of people who get bored very easily by sitting around for long periods of time. At the end of the week, all of our club's hard work paid off when we won herdsmanship for the second time in a row, and this time we didn't even tie with anyone! Overall, I fully enjoyed my time at the Clark County Fair, and I can't wait to do it again next year!

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Rein & Shine 4-h Club Corner: Our STATE fair experiences!

State Fair Horse Judging Competition



By: Nico Abilla, age 9
Pictured: Nico Abilla & Olive Slattery

Qualifying 4-h members in all age groups: Junior, Intermediate and Seniors were invited to represent their counties at the state fair competition. These 4-hers first had to compete at their local county fairs and then the top from each age group were eligible to be on state team.

Clark County had teams in all age groups. Rein & Shine had Nico Abilla and Olive Slattery representing the club. All the 4-h members were together in the arena watching and judging the horses. Then oral reasons were given. Unfortunately, Juniors do not give oral reasonings at state competition. Which I thought was sad because all the other kids got to do that.

The Purpose of this event:
Top members from each county compete against other counties at the state fair. There were 175 4-h members in total.

Feedback from event: The event was fun and I look forward to it again. The Junior team (that I was on) was 2nd place at state and we all got patches. That was cool. After the competition I spent the day with my grandma and cousin at the state fair riding rides, playing games, looking at all the exhibits and did some shopping.

Intermediate and Senior Performance



Tara and Rico warming up for Intermediate performance.



Senior Performance Team: Maddie Snyder (new SBYEC instructor!), Kate Moschetti, Addison Miller, Jaimee Kuhle, Eva Overbagh (SBYEC instructor!), Reece DeMotto-Kramer & Bridget Woodruff.



Addison Miller & Finch, Jaimee Kuhlee & Mel, Eva Overbagh & SBYEC school horse Lark, and Bridget Woodruff & Handsome after their impromptu bareback class. These girls rocked it!



Tara and Rico all dressed up for Showmanship.



Tara and Rico.



State competition isn't just about winning ribbons. It's about making friends and representing your county as a team. These girls worked hard and cheered each other on all week. What a great group!