

Lead On

Courage Reins Farm Quarterly Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- **Bingo for the Barn**
Saturday November 19th
6:00-8:00 pm
Cascade Church
14377 Fryelands Blvd.
Monroe WA

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Notes From the Farm

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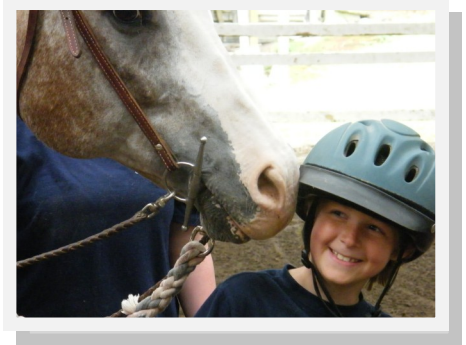
The horses are getting their thick winter coats already but they still able to enjoy the green pastures here at the farm.

What a wonderful summer we had hosting great groups of kids from Camp Sparkle and the Hutch School for a "day at the farm". The kids were kept busy riding the horses on an obstacle course, tie-dying t-shirts, making s'mores, playing bingo in the



barn and milking Bessie the farm cow. All of us at Courage Reins Farm loved seeing your smiles and of course the horses loved the carrots!
Jessica and Elizabeth, two of our visitors from the summer groups, now regularly come out to the farm for riding lessons with Cindy, our trainer.

Northern loves the attention but I am not too sure how much he loves the exercise!



Please visit our web site at www.couragereinsfarm.org and click on the photo gallery to see pictures from the Camp Sparkle and Hutch school visits!

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Bingo for the Barn** on November 19th! See inside this issue for full details. We hope to see you there!
-Miriam

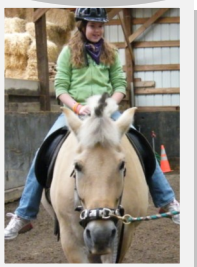
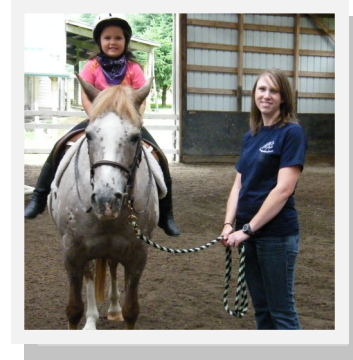
Courage Reins Farm Receives Two Grants

Courage Reins Farm would like to extend a huge "thank you!" to the **Moyer Foundation** and the **Gregg Foundation** for their generous grant awards. The Moyer Foundation generously donated \$1500 to cover the costs for Camp Sparkle and

The Hutch kids' "day at the farm" this summer. The Gregg Foundation donated funds to cover operating costs for the farm. We were able to purchase CRF t-shirts for our volunteers and care for the horses as well.

Without the continued support of organizations such as the Moyer and Gregg Foundations, as well as our individual donors, The mission of Courage Reins Farm would not be possible. Thank you so much.

Summer Fun at Courage Reins Farm



Bingo for the Barn

Save the date!

This year, our annual **Bingo for the Barn** fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, November 19th** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Cascade Community Church in Monroe (14377 Fryelands Blvd.).

We would love to have you bring your friends and family to support our farm while having fun playing Bingo at the same time. Games cost one dollar each, and there will be cash prizes! We will also be holding a silent auction and quilt raffle.

At Courage Reins Farm, our visitors enjoy riding, grooming, spending time with the horses, and other farm activities at **no cost** to them.

**Cash Prizes!
Silent Auction!
Quilt Raffle!**

Because of this, Courage Reins Farm relies on donations and fundraisers such as Bingo for the Barn to keep our program running, and to cover the cost of caring for our horses, who are the heart of our program.

Be sure to grab all of your friends, family, and neighbors, and come on down to Bingo for the Barn to support Courage Reins Farm in our mission to provide hope and courage to individuals experiencing cancer or loss.

The Evergreen Riders 4-H club will be organizing this fun family event. Please check our website at www.couragereinsfarm.org for more information.

CRF Volunteers are the Best!

Thank you one and all.

There is a lot of work done “behind the scenes” to keep Courage Reins Farm running, whether there is a fundraiser to be put on, a group of children visiting the farm, or simply caring for the horses on a daily basis. Our program would not be possible without the help of our fantastic volunteers.

Thank you to Darcie, Wendy, Kirstin, Cindy, Briana, Shaun, Susan, Ryan, Courtney and Marti for a great summer!



Also thank you to Lainey for creating our newsletter and flyers!

We’d like to send a big hug to all the children and staff who came to ride and visit the horses, the volunteers who always have a smile to share, and of course the generous sponsors who support our ministry.



In Memory: Tiny Bit Twinkie

It is with heavy hearts that we must share the sad news of Twinkie’s passing. We unexpectedly had to make the heartbreaking decision to put Twinkie to sleep on September 19th, after she fractured her leg.

Twinkie had been with our family since April 2nd, 1996. She was our first horse, and taught us so much in the fifteen years that we were so blessed to have with her.



Miriam’s daughter Lainey trained Twinkie and showed her in 4-H for many years, competing in driving, showmanship, trail, and even jumping-in-hand classes. At the end of her show career,

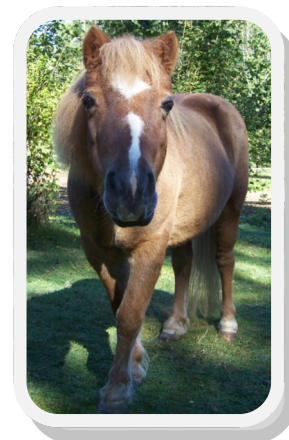
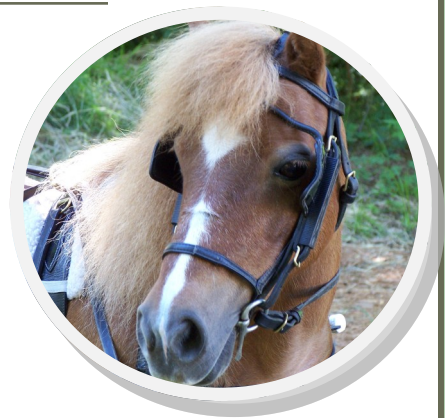
Twinkie had won bronze, silver, gold, and platinum medals, numerous county championships, and a reserve state championship in driving. With her sassy attitude and adorable face, she quickly became a favorite with the judges and other participants at the horse shows. Just this year, Twinkie made a return to the show ring with Miriam’s daughter Briana, competing in showmanship and trail classes, and winning second place in a costume class dressed as the marshmallow in a s’more.

Twinkie is a shining example of a spirit full of courage and determination. For the last 6 years of her life, she battled chronic laminitis, a very painful condition that causes inflammation in the hooves. The condition flared up occasionally, forcing Twinkie to be on stall rest, wearing her special booties and

enduring treatments of soaking her feet in ice water. Throughout all of this, she maintained her spunky and lovable attitude that was so endearing, and made Twinkie who she was.

Twinkie has left us with a legacy of memories that will last a lifetime—from her high pitched whinny greeting you as you enter the barn, to her penchant for ducking underneath electric fences and escaping from her pasture in search of greener grass, to the laughter, vivacity, and joy she brought into the daily lives of those who cared for and loved her.

Twinkie will be missed tremendously by all who knew her and were blessed to love her. It is our hope that her story will continue to inspire visitors at Courage Reins Farm for years to come.





*At **Courage Reins Farm**, horses help individuals experiencing cancer or loss find hope and courage amidst life's hardships.*

Yes, I would like to help Courage Reins Farm!

Name:

Address:

Please send your donation,* along with this form, to:

Courage Reins Farm
PO Box 1706
Duvall, WA 98019

*Donations are 501(c)3 tax-deductible

Please use my donation for:

- The horses
- The children
- Where needed most