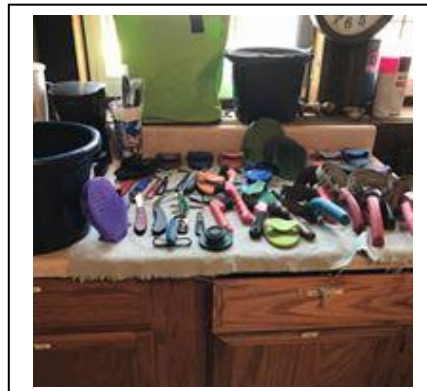
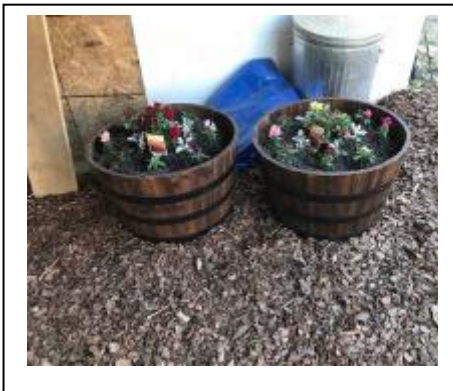


...a place of Hope and Healing

This past winter at the ranch was not difficult with regard to weather but due to a lack of help. Thankfully we have a God that hears and answers prayer. Sometimes it's, "Please wait. Be patient." or sometimes it's, "No. Because I know what is best for you." It took some time but his answer was a resounding, "Ok, now." In the past month, have been showered with barn help! Look at some of the projects that have been completed:



From scrubbing and cleaning to sanding & staining, as well as gardening to create a cozy atmosphere under the barn overhang. Parents waiting for their children during sessions can now sit and rest while they wait. Several major projects have been completed as well! We finally put a rubber floor into our feed room, The wash stall drain has been repaired and the caving wall, replaced. Praise God for his provision of all these wonderful and talented volunteers!

EVENTS

DON'T FORGET! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 13th	Spring Horse Fun Show North Park	July 13-15	Horse Trading Days Zelienople
June 10th	Trail Ride - Bradys Run	Sept 16th	Fall Horse Fun Show Brady's Run Park
June 24th	Annual Golf Outing Ponderosa Golf Course	October 13-15th	Fall Festival at RYYR
July 4th	Zelienople parade		

WE ALSO HAVE CAR WINDO DECALS AND RANCH T-SHIRTS FOR SALE, \$10 EACH....JUST CALL OR TEXT ME @724-713-1653...Thank you!

HORSEY NEWS

Willow

Willow (a.k.a Leila) is an 8 year old Quarter Horse that was recently donated to RYYR. Her color is often mistaken for white, however, she is Cremello in color with icy cool blue/green eyes. Willow loves people, but she's not had a lot of training so any of her bad behavior is simply out of fear or ignorance. This can all be corrected. Our hope is that she remain at the ranch as a ranch horse. She shows many promising characteristics such as affection and a willingness to please. Willow was purchased by a family for their little girl, however, due to the death of the Mother, Willow fell to the wayside. When a relative saw that Willow was a perfectly healthy horse going to waste, she made every effort to find Willow a good home.



RIPPLE EFFECTS

On the first of this month, I had the privilege of attending the memorial service of someone who had a great effect on my life. As some of you may know, my family was sponsored to the U.S. by a church. The pastor of that church was Gerald Hall. Pastor Hall passed away on March 7th at the age of 88, and survived by his amazing wife Vivian Hall.

In 1975, the congregation of the Evangelical Free Church in Annandale, VA agreed to bring my Mom and six kids to America to help us assimilate to the new culture we had entered. The Halls housed all seven of us in their little two bedroom home. Could you imagine how overwhelming that would be? But they didn't flinch. They never judged us, they just loved us and gently guided us.

At the memorial service many spoke of Gerald's magnetic personality. It was such a pleasure to be around him. He was so widely knowledgeable, kind, gentle and genuinely cared about each person he spoke with. You walked away from him always learning something new and feeling special because this extraordinary person really cared for you. This, to me, is how God wants us to feel about Him....that we learn from Him, that we know how special we are to Him and that he LOVES us so much! To be a Christian means to be "Christ like" and THAT Gerald Hall was.

Jerry served God for over 65 years and if there was one theme that Jerry lived by, it was "Glorify the Lord" in word and in deed. My family was only one of those deeds, resulting in my husband and I now serving God through Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch. As I think about the effect Gerald Hall had on my life, I see that I am only 1 ripple in Jerry's "Glorify the Lord Lake."

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God...."

-1 Corinthians 10:31

Still need Volunteers in the following capacities:

- *Mentors
- *Day Camp Helpers
- *Maintenance & Repairs
- *Event helpers (information booths at fairs & festivals)
- *Administration & Volunteer maintenance
- *Fundraising and more!

We can be flexible and find you a position that suits your schedule!

Please continue to pray for us. There are so many children in need that will be coming this summer season. Pray for wisdom and words for our staff. Thank you for your continued support!

-Micheline Barkley, Co-Founder

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