### **Getting Creative...**



Our staff recently had the opportunity to paint and create some artistic pottery.

We are not just coworkers, we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Team building is important and it can also be fun!







Visit our Facebook page for lots of great pictures. "Like us" and get daily updates!

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### **More than Horses**

We strongly believe in animal therapy because we have seen the results! Most people know we have our Horsemanship Therapy program, but did you know that each house has their own therapy dog or cat? New Life Academy, our on-campus highschool, has bunnies too!

(Jamie with Petey and Agape)



Animal therapy continues to be an important part of our ministry. If youth are struggling with having working relationships with adults or other youth, a pet can be a good middle-man. Caring for and understanding what an animal needs while also bonding with a furry friend can show anyone the value of loving and being loved.

(Brady and our girls with Beatrix Bunny)

## New Life Academy's Career Exploration

Our students are pictured (top photo) with broadcast legends JD & Lori Spangler.

Dominik
Bauer plays
some trombone
(bottom
left) and
teaches the
kids about
music.

Pastor Trey (bottom right) shows our youth what it's like to serve as a pastor in the community.



It's never too early to start planning ahead. Recently we started a new class at New Life Academy, "Career Exploration with Civic Interests." We are blessed with two guest speakers a week to give our students some insight into potential professions.















'Tis the Season! As we end our winter months, let's reflect on some of the yuletide joy that we shared on campus and in the community. The smiles on our children's faces will last a lifetime as memories were truly made. Thanks to all that provided presents for our young people here at the Oblong Children's Christian Home.







# RIDING OUT THE WINTER



At the McCoy Riding
Arena we can have horsemanship therapy all year
long! No matter if it's
rain, sleet, or snow we
can continue to help our
youth heal with our
blessed equines. Look at
the memories made and
the hearts healing.







We wish to thank the McCoy Family for blessing us with the dream of serving children in our horse program even throughout the Winter.



#### Feel free to follow us on Social Media!

- Daily updates on our ministry!
- Fun family videos of the homes
- Pictures of our wonderful children!
- Information on our therapy programs!
- Dates on our family fundraising events!



### In Loving Memory

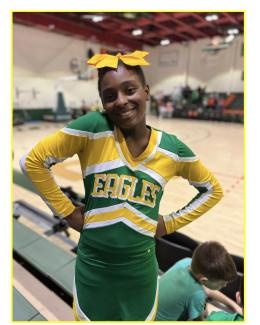


#### In Memory

Michael Robison in memory of Debbie Robison ♥ Fred Olds in memory of Charles Negangard ♥ Barbara Werner in memory of Judy Bell ♥ Harold Janie Brown in memory of Amanda Durnil ♥ Larry Ketterman in memory of Alice Ketterman ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Mike Judy Robison ♥ Robin Jan Tracy in memory of Wayne Dawn Tracy ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Debbie Robison ♥ Joyce Bogard in memory of Harry Dale Doris Phillips ♥ Ruth Smith in memory of Dean Smith ♥ Jess Newton in memory of Linda Newton ♥ Judy Rathe in memory of Allen Rathe **▼** Lyle & Linda Bailey in memory of Bob Dart **▼** Mt Zion Church SS in memory of Marilyn Gabel, Allan Rathe and Jinger Kuhn ♥ Gerald Jones in memory of Sara Benton ♥ Marilyn King in memory of Hal King ♥ Larry & Kaye Waggoner, Zelpha Rains, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Crane, Judy Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Beabout, Mr. & Mrs. David Cowdery, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Frost, Jacob Shonk, Mr. & Mrs. James, Wolfe, Sharon Collins, Mrs. Peggy Hill, Mr. Leonard Weck. Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Richards, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pleasant, Mr. & Mrs. Ira Lee Bowman, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Bailey, Charlie German, Jeff Jane Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Loftis, Karon Kargle, Mr. & Mrs. David Birch, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Martin, Mrs. Frank DeDoming, Mr.& Mrs. Brad Hill, Joyce Fuqua, Porterville Congregational Christian Church, Danny Doris Reichert, Paul Patricia Tingley, Mae Speiser, and Judy Parker in memory of Jerry King ♥ Marilyn Rosenbaum and Richard Judy Shepperd in memory of George Rosenbaum ♥ Leland Jean Zellers, Hutsonville Class of 1973, Angel Brothers, John & Brenda Wolfe, Daisy Bloodworth, Timothy Bloodworth, Tom Brenda Booth, Dennis Kate Guyer, Robert Ann Lederman, Brad Chris Gurley, Michael Mary Ann Tickner, Bunker Hill Supply Co., Paul Patricia Tingley, Gladys Roberts, William Mary Ann Crumrin, Sue Oneal, and Robin Susan Roberts in memory of Maggie Lorean Guyer ♥ Sharon Frost in memory of Virgil Frost ♥ Debbie Hughes in memory of Ardith Cessna ♥ Rick Sharon Kirk in memory of Myla Sue Davis ♥ John Jane Benson in memory of Roger Wallace ♥ Donna Kay Young in memory of Timothy J. Kerr and Danny Adkins ♥ Connie Jones in memory of Dennis Jones ♥ John Ginny Hovermale in memory of Ruth Halter ♥ Cheryl Landis in memory of Lowell Livingston ♥ Ruth Ann Fleenor in memory of Jody Martin ♥

#### In Honor

Julia Lawrence in honor of Deb Weger ♥ John Audrey Spray in honor of the Fewkes & Spray Families at Christmas ♥ Les Debbie Chamberlain in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Gale McGowan, Mr. Mrs. Philip Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Garry Smith and William McGowan ♥ Michele Law in honor of Greg Wendy Kastner ♥ Bradford Maryanna Smith in honor of Everett Mary Panket ♥



Lexi showing her school spirit before a big game!

### **Eagle Pride**

Though we have an on-campus highschool, a lot of our children attend New Hebron Christian School. A Christian school for Pre-k through 8th Grade.

We are blessed to have New
Hebron Christian School in our
community and know them as great
friends of Jesus Christ!













We want to thank all the families, churches, and businesses who donated beef to our Home. The Bible mentions that when you share the Gospel, God will provide for all your needs. So again, thank everyone who was faithful in their giving of beef! We are so blessed!

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

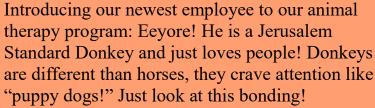














Sahaj & Eeyore are bonding over some treats and their mutual love of cowboy hats!



### Serving Those Who Serve

Recently we were blessed with a visit from Police Chief Williamson. He spoke to our New Life students for over an hour and toured our campus. At the end of his visit our students surprised us all by volunteering to lay on hands and pray for our police force.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." - Matthew 5:9