

The Leadership Club of Silver Stage High School in Silver Springs shows its support in protecting wild horses in local areas.

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Many of the residents living in Stagecoach and Silver Springs, moved there specifically because wild horses live there, too.

To them, these animals belong there as much as humans. And, they don't take lightly when someone endangers their lives.

So, when some ATV riders recently chased and harassed a band of wild horses in Stagecoach, a stallion was run into a barbwire fence and his leg was broken. Unfortunately, he had to be euthanized.

Silver Stage High School's Leadership Club was approached to see if members would be willing to put up reward posters in the hope of catching the people who caused the death of this stallion. They responded enthusiastically and they soon will be going through neighborhoods and other locations, putting up the posters.

Club member and resident of Stagecoach, Chyanne Campbell, said, "Tourists love to see our wild horses and I want to stop anyone from hurting them."

Cheyenne Lawrence, also of Stagecoach, said, "I think people in other states look down on Nevada. But, we have so many cultural diversities here, and wild horses are a big part of that diversity."

The high school's Student Council/Leadership Club recently won the 2011 National Gold Council of Excellence Award, as well as claiming a Nevada Silver Star Award and a Western Regional Wild West Award.

Another Leadership member, Nick Hummer, volunteered to speak to members of the Leadership class at Silver Stage Intermediate School to see if they'd be willing to put up posters as well. The award poster, with a picture of the horse, reads as follows:

The Wild Horse Preservation League is offering a \$500.00 reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who chased free-roaming horses while driving off-highway vehicles on December 28, 2011 in the vicinity of Boyer Lane in Stagecoach. This harassment resulted in fatal injuries to a wild stallion that was well known in the area. Please report any information to the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Silver Springs Substation, 775-577-5020. Anyone with information can also call: 775-220-6806.