

# Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

Helping youth love God, love themselves and love others. Helping families heal and grow.

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## 2024 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### A Message from our Administrative Director, Lara Moroz

Our days here at Broken Arrow Youth Ranch seem to fill up so quickly. Some of the highlights since our last newsletter are:

Bethlehem Live. This event is a lifelike journey to Bethlehem with animals, actors, dangers, etc. ultimately ending up at the manger with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. We had about 150 visitors over the two day event and many extra actors and entertainers for this event. If you haven't made it out to it please come this winter!

This year was the first time we have not made an ice rink! The weather was either too cold or too warm! We did have a week we were able to skate on our dugout. We have the parents of our students visit every 6 weeks or so. This is always a busy time yet so worthwhile.

Our students went on a retreat weekend in Saskatoon in February. In March Selah Smith joined our team as staff for the summer. She is here until the beginning of August when she will be heading to Ambrose University to pursue a degree in Education. Selah has been quite helpful in helping me in the classroom. She is young enough to remember her Math! Judah also joined our team in March and helped out on the ranch until the end of June. He was an encouragement to all of us.

April was our annual Broken Arrow Charity Classic held in Estevan on April 6th. The Broken Arrow Bruins played in the Estevan Strippers' Tournament and helped out at our



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### MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, TODD MOROZ

Spring at Broken Arrow is an amazing time! The grass and crop are green and growing, calves and lambs are nursing and content and baby chicks are doing what they do.

Chores are extra demanding for our students at this time of year and we have been extra busy with numerous events including our Charity Classic hockey event in early April, facilitating the Bushels for Broken Arrow program, our big work weekend in early May and our Run the Ranch event we just completed. I am so proud of our students, staff and volunteers for their tireless sacrificial efforts!!

In the farming and ranching world spring and harvest are extremely demanding seasons. For a ministry that occurs on a ranch there is NO time of the year that isn't very demanding!

We are winding up our school year at Broken Arrow this week. One of the things we are looking most forward to is some summer play time. A family that works together, plays together and PRAYS together- stays together!

Thanks so much for being part of the Broken Arrow Family! I want to especially invite you to visit us this summer. Our Run the Ranch event may be over, but the opportunity to come enjoy our

beautiful hiking, running, walking, praying and meditating trails certainly are not!

As you can see from our photo (page 2), our trails begin by winding through our beautiful Secan "Defy" durum crop! This year our Bushels for Broken Arrow program has expanded in a variety of directions. Trinity Biochem is a company that has generously come on board donating product for all our land at Broken Arrow as well as to every farm that seeds crop for Broken Arrow. We have a number of farms who have or plan to (fall rye) seed for us. We have received loads of oats, barley, and peas as feed for our livestock as well as a load of potatoes from a generous Hutterite colony. Other seed donations (chick peas, oats and Hawkley Spring Wheat) have come in from companies and individuals. We are still looking for willing producers to seed these crops for us. If you are interested, please give us a call. We are so incredibly grateful for the generosity and sacrifice of all our Bushels for Broken Arrow family! Some plant, some weed, some harvest, etc.... and then the LORD causes the growth and multiplies the yield!

Please come and visit us this summer. All you need to do is call ahead and book your time in with us at (306) 266-2032. We hope to see you soon!

*Todd*



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run the Ranch

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luncheon. Attendance was good and people had a great time.

We also had a men's work weekend with 40 plus men over a 5 day period coming to help. We tore down and rebuilt a mile and a half of fence, put a hopper bottom on a bin, build a loft in the barn, and got the south deck completed. We are so grateful for all the help.

We have initiated some respite couples and ladies this past year. If you are interested in helping out in this fashion please contact us. You will have the opportunity to interact with our students and help out as needed.

In May our students began Horsemanship with Cal and Jill Jackson. We had a field trip to the West Bench Hutterite Colony. It was an incredible day and we were so welcomed.

In June we held our 2nd Annual Run the Ranch. Our students worked diligently before, during and after preparing for the day. Everyone enjoyed great food and entertainment throughout the day. The kids enjoyed our slip and slide, visiting the barn animals and many children begged their parents to go home with a kitten! The students are wrapping up their schooling for the summer. They are ready to put the books away! We have seen so much growth in them over the year and I am constantly amazed at how much they have learned and how much they are able to do. God is so good. Please don't forget to let me know if you have a new address. We love to have visitors here at the ranch. *Lara*

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Broken Arrow hosted many new comers to the ranch as well as 55 participants with their families. It was a great day! Thanks to all our sponsors, participants and volunteers!



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# Gather Around the Ranch Table...

With Howard & Karen Floyd, Ranch Parents

## May 24<sup>th</sup> Chicks Arrived!



## June Field Trip

West Bench Hutterite Colony  
Eastend, SK Thanks for your  
warm hospitality. It was a great day!



## July 1 Canada Day!

It was great to spend time with our  
good friend, Perry Mah who joined  
us as well as Pastor Lionel in  
taking our students out fishing on  
the Wood River for Canada Day!



Psalm 23 has a strange verse in it that says, ***"Thou prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies."*** Lou Giglio, in our opinion, explains this odd verse in a very clear way in a lesson called *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*. He paints a picture of God preparing a table to sit and commune with just Him. Despite the bountiful feast of the fruit of the spirit that are on the table including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control, Giglio illustrates how often we choose to let the enemy have a seat at the table.

The enemy likes to come and sit at your table and add his own dishes. The fruit he brings are the opposite of the fruit of the spirit. He brings hate, division, despair, anxiety, panic, harshness and self indulgence. If only it was that obvious and the list were that black and white contrast making it clear to us who is sitting at God's table with us; but the enemy does not want you to know he has taken a seat – and you have let him.

Our ranch table has a variety of things on it from time to time. It could be meals or snacks or games. It might be school books and bibles. It might be Kleenex boxes and tears. Quite often the question is asked, "Who is sitting at your table"? We use this question as a reminder to our students and ourselves to protect that table that God has invited us to sit at.

Just like we recognize a tree by the fruit it bears, we can recognize the presence of God's Spirit by the fruit on our table. If love, joy and peace are missing then the enemy has a seat at your table. As quickly as he snuck in, he can be kicked out. Invite God back to the table that He has prepared for you.

It has been such a wonderful experience working with the people at Broken Arrow Youth Ranch. There has been a lot of interaction with staff and students as well as getting to know our neighbours. This is going on our second year come November 2024. We have learned so much from everyone. The students are amazing. It has been great to watch them get to know who Christ is. We have felt honoured to be a part of their journey. God has blessed us richly to be apart of this Broken Arrow family. Humbled to be called His.

*Howard and Karen Floyd*





## Ranch Wish List

- ¾ ton truck with a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel hitch
- Good working lawn mowers (push or riding)
- Work crew to shingle house and pour footings for grandparent home.
- Bales for feed for the winter.



## Message from our Board Chair Blair Andrew

I took on big shoes to fill from Mark Elford in November 2023. I can't thank Mark enough for his dedication and service to the Broken Arrow Youth Ranch (BAYR) board and ministry as a whole. We look forward to having Mark continue to drop in on BAYR as a friend of the ministry. Thanks for your dedicated service.

BAYR board has welcomed 2 new board members in Glenn Elford and Dale Tuplin. In addition, Scott Stein has rejoined our board after a leave of absence making a great diverse team. Our board is at a healthy total of 7 members.

We are always looking for new members and invite anyone that has an interest to send their resume attention of the Board Governance Committee for consideration to the board.

As new board chair I am focused on enhancing already good governance and guiding the board to seek clear direction for the future of BAYR. With God's guidance and the strengths of the entire team, we will continue to develop the strategic future as we complete a 3-5 year intention. I have been blessed to meet with Todd, as the CEO, for weekly check-ins when he is available. It helps me to keep a pulse on what he and our dedicated staff are directly involved in with the ranch. My wife, Deb, and I have had a few opportunities to stay at the ranch and building relationships with the staff and students has been great. Thank you to all that continue to openly support BAYR. Please continue to hold our dedicated staff and Board in your prayers. Altruistically yours, *Blair Andrew*



## Turning a Page on the Next Chapter...

The work of this ministry is tough. It involves difficult life circumstances with broken and painful relationships being the reality. The apostle Paul knew the work of the ministry was tough, and he knew there would be opportunity to become discouraged and weary. That is why he encouraged us: do not become weary in well doing... for at the proper time you will reap a harvest if you do not give up (Gal. 6:9)! Broken Arrow has been on a mission to love, serve and help families heal and grow since 2008. This Spring we welcomed our new student, Hailey, into the Broken Arrow Youth Ranch family. Hailey is our 40<sup>th</sup> student! It is always so exciting to begin working with new families sharing hope and the transforming love of Jesus Christ. One of the highlights for me this season was watching one of our former students share his music and his testimony of how his time at Broken Arrow Youth Ranch truly changed his life. Judah has always had a passion for music. In this chapter of his life, Judah has been pursuing his music: song writing and performing across the province. One of his songs is written and inspired by his experience and time at the ranch. "Lost In the Wind" especially touched my heart and I am sure it will be an encouragement to so many others who can relate. I encourage you all to check out and follow Judah Wardrope as he pursues his love and gift of music. What a blessing it is to see him pursuing his dreams and allowing God to shine in and through him.

We said farewell to another beloved student and gathered together to bless her on her way. We wish Tori and her Mom, Erin, all the best as they begin this new chapter together. We also bid farewell to Faith earlier this spring. Faith and her mom will spend the summer working at Madge Lake Bible Camp. Please continue to pray for these young women and their families as they turn the page on the next chapter of their lives.

I too am turning a page on the next chapter. I believe God strongly impressed upon my heart it is time for me to be home. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, I have officially stepped down as Program Director. I truly love this ministry and the work God is doing in and through it. I will continue to stay on serving as the Plan to Protect trainer and advocate; as well as the Newsletter editor. Let us all take heed of Paul's encouragement, not to become weary in doing good! The New Living Translation says it like this: "So, don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time." I know this to be true for Broken Arrow Youth Ranch. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you all. With love, *Gina*