

# Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

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

## 2021 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Christmas is a special time of anticipation! It began for me last weekend when two students spent the weekend with us at Broken Arrow and helped us set up the beautiful life-sized nativity from Lara's dad.

As I look at the figurines, I wonder about the excitement and anticipation that filled the hearts of the shepherds and wise men who came to meet their long-awaited Messiah. There were also Simeon & the Prophetess, Anna, who both anticipated the Saviour's arrival for decades. What joy when they recognized the Christ-child at just 40 days of age in the temple!

What are you and I anticipating this Christmas? I know that I am getting more excited each day that family are coming to visit this year! I'm sure many of you can relate after the challenging circumstances surrounding last Christmas. I am also anticipating the arrival of new students in the new year as well as more staff. We are praying and trusting God for both.

Again this Christmas, I am overwhelmed by God's incredible provision for and gifts to this ministry. The feed stacks are filling up as semis arrive, as are our new grain bins! Checks for the Bushels for Broken Arrow project are also starting to come.

We would like to give a special mention to one of our families who have supported our Bushels for Broken Arrow Project every year since it started in 2017. Mackenzie Farms at North Portal was honored at this year's Canadian Western Agribition as one of Saskatchewan's most outstanding farm families. The Farm Family award honors not only farming and business practices; but also their involvement in community. To the entire Mackenzie family, we are proud of you and honored that you continue to partner with us in our ministry to families.

To all of our supporters in agriculture and beyond, we are so very grateful to God for all of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

There is another form of anticipation that is very real for me this Christmas. I have been listening to a sermon series on the book of Revelation. The core message of this amazing piece of writing is: **Jesus is Coming Again!**



I can empathize with Simeon and Anna in their longing to see the Christ.

**“Father in Heaven, May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.”**

When Jesus returns, that's exactly what He will inaugurate!

As we anticipate, may we join together with ever-increasing resolve to share the gift of Christmas with each family we know and love. The gift is the good news that Jesus came that first Christmas to seek and to save each of us who were lost. Also, it is the good news that He is coming again to gather all those who have received Him & believed in His name; those who have been adopted into God's family.

May this be the Christmas you invite Christ to bring new heights of health, hope and peace into your family and home! Merry Christmas to all of you! ✨

In Christ's love,

*Todd Moroz*

# Tarryn McNaughton, Equine Coach Visits Broken Arrow

*Helping people experience personal growth with horses.*



November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Broken Arrow had the privilege of hosting Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Coach, Tarryn McNaughton, of Weyburn, SK. Tarryn is certified through EAL Canada, and has experience coaching and working with at-risk youth. She is passionate about helping people, sharing the kindness and wisdom of horses with a variety of clients of all ages. Our long-time ministry friend, neighbour, and volunteer, Paige Feser, organized the event. Families, couples, and individuals from near and far took part. Tarryn, with her equine partners Bear and Scout, reinforced how the horses truly become the teachers. They act like a mirror to reflect blind-spots in one's life. Horses have a unique ability to gently reflect areas of personal conflict, fear and insecurity. Together, the horse, client and coach discuss tools to use in everyday life that will help overcome personal struggles and create positive change. We hope to have Tarryn along with her equine partners return to Broken Arrow to provide new opportunities for youth and families to experience personal growth with horses.

Since we have not had students enrolled for the last few months we have reached out to offer opportunities for families who are seeking help, and willing to actively participate in their growth. Sat. November 6, we hosted a one-day Tools For Life Workshop, where we incorporated learning about our unique personalities, conversation starters, The Apology Process, and helpful strategies families can use to work through conflict. It was great to have three families in attendance.

In December it is my great joy to plug in my favorite Christmas albums! Topping my list, Merle Haggard's Christmas, with his classic, *If We Make It Through December*. This song seems especially fitting this year. With the reality of families suffering through loneliness, sickness, sorrow, drought, and the many hardships life can bring, "If we make it through December, we'll be fine," offers hope of better days ahead.

While the world's circumstances seem dim, there is a bright light that shines down from above offering hope, comfort and peace. It is the hope found only through one man, the man is Jesus Christ. He began His earthly life being born in a manger. He is the Child who was born to be the Saviour of the world. Jesus is the greatest gift ever given! My prayer for you all, is that you open your hearts to receive His gift of love for you. May you experience God's unconditional love, joy and peace this Christmas. "And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). ✨ *Gina Stewart*

# The Beautiful Days of Fall Work at the Ranch

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven....a time to tear down, and a time to build. (Ecclesiastes 3)



**What is Prayer?** Prayer is simply communication between people and God, a two-way conversation in which people talk to God and also take time to listen to Him. Prayer to God is like a child's conversation with his father. It is natural for a child to ask his father for the things he needs. There are many promises in God's Word to encourage us to pray as well as scriptures that tell us that we are to pray for one another and also assure us that God hears and answers prayer.

The Christmas season always reminds me of the importance of prayer. The Jewish nation had prayed for years for a Messiah to come and rescue them. Many at that time did not recognize the small baby that was born in a humble manger that very first Christmas as their Saviour. I am so thankful for Christmas and that God sent his one and only son as a helpless baby and that baby was the hope for all nations.

I am not sure about you but I can struggle with prayer. Sometimes it feels meaningless, and sometimes it feels that God doesn't answer. Sometimes as I pray, my mind will wander and begin thinking of job lists that still need done! Lately I have taken the quiet mornings to focus on certain people and pray for them. I am finding the news so discouraging that I don't turn on the radio when I drive; instead I choose to pray. Sometimes I pray for people as I drive past their place or pray for those that come to my mind. Prayers do not have to be lengthy and we don't have to worry about the correct terminology. Prayer is a sincere conversation with our heavenly Father who wants to have a relationship with us.

It is so easy to say to someone, "I will pray for you or you are in my prayers." So often we can casually say this then go on with our busy lives and no matter what our intent was we forget to pray! I am working on taking the time right at that moment to pray and even praying with someone over the phone before hanging up. When I get a text asking for prayer, I intentionally pray right as I receive that text. I am finding the older I get the easier it is to forget things!

I am so thankful for all of you who pray for the ranch whether it is daily or at different times when the Spirit strikes you. I have had conversations with older friends that shared with me that they pray for Todd and I as well as Broken Arrow Youth Ranch every morning. This so encourages me. Prayer is powerful! Right now we live in such a crazy world and I know that I feel so helpless at times. We need to pray! We are not helpless when we pray. The Bible encourages us to pray without ceasing! Merry Christmas and God bless all of you. ✨

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11**

*Lara Moroz*

**Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6—7 (NLT)**

# A Message from our Board of Directors



Many successful people will say that if we fail to plan, then we plan to fail. I agree with this philosophy to the extent that we must do our part and also plan to seek wisdom from our Heavenly Father.

Our board will be involved in a "strategic planning session" on the fifth of December to set a direction for the next few years for Broken Arrow. I am very encouraged by the enthusiasm of each of our board members who will be involved in this process. Our facilitator has polled the board, and some previously engaged people and staff members, to prepare for this process.

It is my belief that if we hold Broken Arrow up in prayer that God will grant the board wisdom in their decision making. Please join us in this regard. If we were looking in from the outside, we could comment that we haven't had clients for the last few months, and in one respect that is correct. However, our staff are involved in the lives of people daily, and the board has encouraged our staff to take advantage of this time to prepare for the future, and that is happening. Our staff are very committed to the ministry and we are very fortunate to have each and every one.

As I write this, many things are pointing to the Christmas season. This is a season that many, seemingly uninterested people recognize that Jesus, our Savior, came to a broken world to save us from our sin. Now *THAT* is something to be happy about. Merry Christmas!!!! ✨ *Mark Elford*

## Ranch Wish List

- **Small Square Hay Bales**
- **Good Used Ranch 4x4 Truck**
- **Volunteers to complete kitchen counter & drywall in Renewal Centre**

**Grain bins are off the wish list! Thank you donors!**



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**Sweetheart  
Dine & Dance**  
Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022  
Plan to attend this  
special evening!  
Family Renewal Centre  
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**If you would like to be a part of our mission, "Helping youth love God, love themselves and love others. Helping families heal and grow," please contact Lara today at (306) 266-2032.**

## The Legend of the Candy Cane

*Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith.*

*He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.*

*The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.*

*Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used ~~the stripes of the scourge~~ Broken Arrow to show the stripes of the scourge by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the true meaning is still there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.*

