

# Breakaway Youth Ranch

New life - Change - Growth - Sun - Warmth - Beauty

Easter - Rain showers . . .

## Spring!



This time of year always makes me (Jenny) marvel because it is such a beautiful picture of the life we have in God. In Jesus, God takes all our weary, cold, dry, cloudy lives and turns them into green, fruitful, sunny, abundant lives. When we turn our lives over to Him, His life flows into us and through us and produces fruits of righteousness that show His amazing character (John 15, Gal. 5:22-23). And all this life-giving is possible because Jesus came and lived a righteous life; died in our place, for our sins; rose again and conquered death. Easter is a tremendously strange holiday because it is a reminder of humanity's worst and best hours. We should mourn deeply, and yet rejoice greatly. Jesus died so that we could live!

It is with this life in us that we look forward to all God may have in store for the ranch this year. Last year we were so excited to have 8 mentors working with us because it doubled our numbers from the previous year. Imagine our excitement at nearly tripling that number this year! Having so many more mentors allows us to have a more effective MINT program, and allows us to work with more than double the number of kids in our general sessions. We have even begun considering additional session hours! And of course, with all the additional people, we have decided to add a few more horses to our herd. This spring we hope to start the year off with a herd of twenty serviceable horses.

With all this change and growth, we have quite a few projects lined up for our annual spring work day in April, and we look forward to seeing many of you there! Mark your calendars! We will be fencing in additional dry lot space, building an additional loafing shed (or two), creating gravel pathways, and setting up a trail-riding obstacle course. We are also looking forward to accumulating things like jump standards, cones, "poles," colorful duct tape, pool noodles, etc. for our arena to make it more colorful, inviting and fun. I will also be writing grants in an attempt to bring in funds for significant improvements in our outdoor riding arena — such as footing and lighting.

God has been so faithful over the last few years that we have been in existence, and while we look forward to the physical changes in the program, we are continually looking for, and implementing, ways to better glorify God and reach the kids that come through our gate. Please join with us in praying that God would rejoice over the work we do here this summer.

**Donations have been made to honor these special people:**

**IN MEMORY OF:** Buzz Field, Kim Beard & Darla Hix

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sandy Richardson, Sy Allan, Michael Joseph & Mandi Dawn

## Horse of the Month

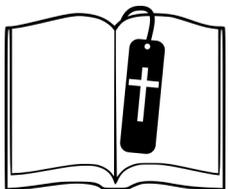
Maybellina has been the “boss hoss” in our herd for the last several years. She has also been a wonderful teacher to many riders, and a great illustration of various human strengths and weaknesses. One of her specialties is teaching others about communication. She is one of the most physically communicative horses we have. She uses her whole body to get important messages across to the kids, and it makes it easy to teach them about both horse communication and communication in general. We love having her as part of our team!



## New Program Opportunity!

### Weekly Bible Study (Horseless)

- Meets weekly (day to be decided)  
First meeting will be held  
Wed. May 11th, 2016
  - Co-ed, ages 12-18
- Held at Jenny's house in Three Forks  
(Call for directions)
- This summer we will be studying “The Gospel in Context” by Stuart Scott
  - Call for more info: (231) 649-9400  
(Jenny)



## Mark Your Calendars!



### Spring Work Day

— Sat. April 23rd, 9am - ?

### Spring Fling Kickoff BBQ

— Sat. June 4th, 4-7pm

### Sessions Start

— Mon. June 6th  
9 or 10:30am

— Call after May 15th to  
schedule your session!

### Race to the Finish Line

— Aug. 12—14



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