

Breakaway Youth Ranch

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Round Pen Connection

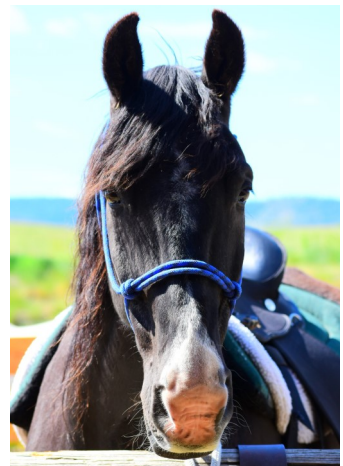
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Working with a horse in the round pen is such a fascinating experience! You learn so much about character and attitude when a little pressure is applied. The round pen is such a versatile, useful tool when working with horses to get them in shape, to prepare them to be ridden, to teach riding to kids, or to connect horses and riders.

Spring is such a fun time to work with horses in the round pen as most have extra “spring” in their step! Many are loving the warm sun, are ready for a job, are full of pent-up winter energy itching to come out, and are deciding if they want to be obedient or not. Typically, my goal in the round pen is to first ASK a horse to do something specific. Sometimes they obey, but often I expect them to QUESTION or COMPLAIN. If they choose one of the last two options, I then CONFIRM my instruction. Generally at that point I get to see them MOVE OUT in obedience. For example, I may ask Lucky to face me when I have him change directions. By the position of my arms and hands and where I am standing, I ask him to turn in toward me. If he questions or argues by turning his hind end toward me instead of his head, I redirect him with new pressure put on in new places. I then expect him to obey by turning my way and moving out in the new direction. When he is focusing on me, he can read my instruction much more clearly. When he knows he is following my lead, there is an amazing connection between us. He relaxes and the pressure turns into easily followed instructions. This is a simple explanation for a complicated lesson, but it illustrates how I need to keep my eyes focused on Christ and be listening, looking for His confirmation, moving out in the direction He wants, and feeling that trusting connection with my Lord.

This concept is also wonderfully illustrated in Exodus chapter 14. Moses and the Israelites were escaping from the Egyptians to the desert. They came to the Red Sea, saw no way of escape, and thought they were about to die. Moses told the people in verses 13-14, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today . . . The Lord will fight for you; you shall hold your peace.” Then the Lord told Moses and the Israelites to stop praying and move out! God ASKED the Israelites to trust Him and led them to the Red Sea, Moses QUESTIONED God while the Israelites COMPLAINED. God graciously CONFIRMED His instruction and told them to MOVE OUT. Then the Lord miraculously delivered them by parting the Red Sea – something they did not expect. I love that God wants us to seek Him in prayer continually, to seek direction or confirmation, and then, after we know what we should do, to do it! When we do, we shall “see the deliverance the Lord will bring” and will be more connected to the Savior by trusting Him.

As we enter into our tenth *official* summer of ministry here at Breakaway Youth Ranch, we desire to continue listening for God’s instruction, to seek His confirmation and to act on His directions. We want to love people well and to be an encouragement to each other as we listen to the Lord’s leading and follow through with what He asks us to do. Our prayer is that each person who steps foot on the Ranch will want a deeper connection with the Lord who saves those who choose to trust Him.



Donations have been made to honor these special people:

BIRTHDAYS: Arcylle Shaw

MEMORIALS: Ella Droge, Brenda Miller, Helen Nielsen, Kim Beard, Our Law Enforcement and Military

Horse of the Quarter: Joey is a super



cute, gentle little paint horse gelding. He came with Breezy last spring and gave lots of rides to his fair share of kids for the summer. Joey isn't a particularly funny, exciting, or accomplished horse. His brown and white splashes of color

are probably the most exciting things about him. He loves to be scratched, and he loves to eat his morning grain. Aside from that, he just willingly does whatever we ask of him—to the very best of his ability. That's probably my favorite thing about him. Whatever Joey does, he does his best—in a quiet, friendly way. The other thing I really like about him is his patient, faithful steadiness. There are plenty of days when it would be easy to complain about the heat, or the saddle pinching, or the roughness of the kid on his back, or the many, many laps he has to do around the arena. But unlike some of our more expressive horses, he just keeps going—walking, trotting, even loping as each kid requests of him. I often wish I was more like Joey!



Happy 10th Anniversary Breakaway Youth Ranch!

Here are just a few things that will be different this year:

- We will not be doing our Race to the Finish Line fundraiser.
- Our Fall Fun Day is going to be a little different as we make it an anniversary celebration! Stay tuned for more details!
- If you would still like to make items to donate, we would love to include them in our anniversary fundraising raffle.
- There will be options at our Fall Fun Day raffle for which ministry you would like to support—BYR, ROC Wheels, and / or Royal Family Kids. (See the descriptions below for ROC Wheels and RFK.)

Save the Dates:

Sunday, May 15th

Session Scheduling opens for June.

Give Amanda a call!

Monday, June 6th

First Day of Sessions!



ROC Wheels (Reach Out & Care Wheels) is a faith-based non-profit 501(c)(3) that fits wheelchairs and gait trainers to children who need them around the world. We create dedicated teams that design, assemble and deliver wheelchairs and gait trainers to children in less resourced areas of the world. We transform lives by providing mobility devices to children with disabilities.



Royal Family KIDS, known internationally as "For The Children" since November 2020, promotes physical, emotional and spiritual healing for child victims of neglect, abuse, and abandonment through intervention programs, education and advocacy. The local Three Forks chapter led by Joseph and Amy Rowan serves foster children through their RFK Camps, year-round group activities, and Mentoring programs.

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