

FRIENDS OF THE BAR U RANCH

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Opening Day at the Bar U Ranch is Sunday, May 18, 2014. The Bar U is open 7 days a week from 9am-5pm, and will be until mid-September. Hope to see you all there! Mike McLean continues in his position as Acting Site Manager, and Patrick Davis is Operations Manager for the Site. We are pleased to welcome Sherrine Englehart as the new Administrative Assistant. Jean Gallup returns to her position as Head Interpreter, and there are two positions open for new interpreters this year. We look forward to a great season!

Our AGM was held on March 2. Four directors have stepped down this year, so we say sad goodbyes to Renie Blades, Roy McLean, Tony Webster, and Bruce McNeil. Thanks to all of you for your invaluable time and effort on the Bar U board. We welcome four new directors: **Kim Anton, Charlotte Esser, Warren Webber, and Sheila Weston!** We are so happy to have these folks join us!

2014 Executive

Pres. - Avril Chattaway, **1st**- Lory Moore,
2nd - Rosemary Brockbank, **Sec.**-Rose Dayment,
Treas.-Doug Longson,
Directors: Brian Garstin, Rick Smith, Bette Murin,
Marian Anton, Charlotte Esser, Kim Anton, Sheila Weston, & Warren Webber.



Our Stockmen's Dinner was held on Saturday, January 25 this year and honoured the descendants of 3 pioneer families again: The Fisher Family from Millarville; the Cowling family from E. Longview; and the Mowat family from Cowley. We had a great turn-out, good weather, wonderful food, and excellent presentations. Thanks again to all the families, Parks staff, Friends directors, volunteers and generous donors. It has become a yearly not-to-miss event for many people!

www.friendsofthebaru.com for updates.



**THE FRIENDS OF THE BAR U
HISTORIC RANCH ASSOCIATION**

2013 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- * REBUILD OF THE CATTLE HERD
 - replace the Shorthorn and Longhorn cattle with red and black Angus cows
- * HIGHWAY SIGNAGE
 - design work and sign contracts
 - installation coordinated for summer 2014
- * FLOOD RESPONSE, CLEAN-UP, REPAIRS, AND RECOVERY (*sigh!*)
- * SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR ONE STUDENT