



Yes, it's a heartprint left in the snow from the herd to the Feed Team who showed up to feed, leave fresh water and warm blankets during TWO ice and snow storms so far this Spring.



DERBY DAY, MAY 7, 2022

The Party With Purpose

The mint juleps will be waiting for Turning Point supporters who turn out for the annual Kentucky Derby Party on May 7th.



Larry and Jimi Reece are opening their home once again. Plan on fierce competition for best Derby Hat and Most Dapper gentleman to say nothing of "owners" of the fastest horses. Make a difference!

Get tickets on the Turning Point website: <http://turningpointriding.org/Derby>

NEW ARENA OPENS TO RIDERS & WALKERS



Supply chain issues have us waiting for doors, windows, fans and cupolas, but gifts from two loyal supporters provided an irrigation system and arena drag to make the new facility a great place to ride and for people & horses to walk!



From Jim & Nancy Beckstrom | From DeeAnn & Gary Beeby

YOU Get a BOOK!

(Every First Grader in Every Stillwater Elementary School Does!)

Baxter visited **14** First Grade classes and the **4** Libraries at **Sangre**, **Westwood**, **Richmond** and **Skyline** to take EVERY First grader a book of their own. Turning Point joined Pi Beta Phi sorority at OSU to write a grant for all the books through First Book. Then Baxter delivered!



Highland Park and **Will Rogers** First Graders each got "Little Black, A Pony" to practice reading before a Field Day at Turning Point in April.

Lincoln Academy

Students from Lincoln Academy are learning that watching horses communicate is a good lesson in how people should communicate. Their classes are designed to translate horsemanship to leadership, teamwork and self control skills for life.

NEW RIDERS



Taio is new to Turning Point this semester and here's what his Mom says:

"In just over a month, our home life is calmer. I love how I have a team of people at the barn spending time with him as well as giving me time to breathe." Clare



Larry made sure this student's first experience with a horse was a positive one.

Training to Serve with PATH Certifications:



Kelsie Ballew

Facility Manager and CTRI-Certified Instructor Candidate



Rachel Martin

Herd Manager, Instructor and PATH CTRI-Certified Instructor Candidate



Kenzie Oefelein

CTRI Senior Instructor and AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator

Turning Point's Premier Accreditation requires all instructors to earn certification and maintain it with continuing education.

This year, **Rachel Martin** and **Kelsie Ballew** are finishing their CTRI requirements under the mentorship of **Rachel Royston**. Rachel actually developed the Mentorship Program featured at the PATH National Conference in 2018.

Kenzie Oefelein is Turning Point's Senior Instructor. She just won the PATH Kathy C Wile Scholarship to earn Mentorship Certification for future instructors here!

New Horses:



Paul

Rookie

Paul is an OSU Equestrian reining retiree with a great Quarter Horse mind and curiosity.

Rookie is a retired barrel horse owned by Rena Dollarhide. He's up for anything except going fast.

Serving Our Herd and Others:



The whole Turning Point staff joined forces to present a session on teaching Horsemanship to riders with a variety of disabilities

Horse Owners Workshop

Turning Point Instructors usually attend OSU's Horse Owners Workshop for continuing education. This year Fecal Egg Counts, Yearly Equine Exams and Caring for a Carb Sensitive Horse were on the program as well as a session by Turning Point on adapting lessons for riders who learn differently.

New Face:



Meet **Lori Wieder**, the newest member of the Turning Point

Board. She has a Master's Degree in Special Education and as the mom of two long time riders, has a lifetime of experience in Disability Advocacy. Her perspective is invaluable!

Chilly Cowboys!

Turning Point Transition Intern **Matt Sitton** was chosen to push the "Dunk Button" at the Athletic Department's Chilly Cowboy fundraiser for Special Olympics. Matt has won many S.O. medals and loved the chance to help OSU Coaches and Athletes raise thousands for the cause on a VERY CHILLY day..



Athletic Director Chad Weiberg and Coach Mike Gundy were good sports even after Matt dunked them. (for a good cause)

Towel Team



Sparky is so "fluffy" he hardly needs a blanket, but the whole Feed Team pitched in to dry him off after a night of sleet. He loved the attention!

BAXTER AT LARGE:



Equine GPS in a mini-van



Keeping that BB physique toned



Hungry for knowledge at Sangre