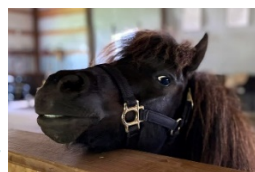




Grab a **CUSTOM**  
Facebook frame to  
show your support

Baxter is grinning cuz  
he's going to camp at  
Rachel's this summer



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## KEY DATES:

**Aug 31**— Fall  
Volunteer Training

**Sept 8**— Fall  
Sessions Begin

**Oct 17**— Ridin' Shotgun  
Clayshoot, Fairgrounds

## Set to Re-Open with New Covid 19 Procedures



**Maggie** took a lesson on **Ginger** wearing masks her mom made so she can still read lips.

Turning Point is implementing procedures to make the barn as safe as possible for riders to return. We've already scrubbed top to bottom.

But riders and families will notice a few changes: We now have a hand-washing station outside the door and **EVERYONE** must wash before entering and after leaving the barn. Volunteers and instructors will be wearing masks, but riders will be allowed to take theirs off once mounted on a horse.

We are also trimming class sizes to keep the number of people in the arena to 10. Call Rachel if you have questions. See you soon!



**Congratulations** to Facility Assistant **Cantrell Haley!** He is a longtime volunteer and staff member who earned his certificate in Facility Management at Meridian this Spring to do an even better job!



**CASH** was just inducted into the EQUUS Foundation Horse Stars Hall of Fame for his stellar career as a reining horse at OSU Equestrian and his second career as a therapy horse.

## Sign of Great Things to Come



At long last, the Turning Point sign is in place. The braces were actually set in January, but rain and then Covid 19 closings meant the actual sandblasted oval could not be installed until May.

The sign was made possible by a gift from Kellye and Todd Johnson, daughter of Ken Garrett. Lighting will go up over the summer.

## Horses Head to Summer Camp, Bulldozers Take Over

A drainage project doesn't sound very sexy unless you survived a flash flood that put the Pasture One horses up to their necks in racing water in 2019.

A grant from the Faye Allene Rafe Brown Foundation matches another anonymous grant to make sure it won't happen again. And even more important, it paves the way for construction of the new covered arena.

The bulldozers will arrive in mid June. That meant tearing down fences and sending all but three of the horses to "summer camp" at various farms.

When all is said and done, storm water will flow right Into Stillwater Creek instead of our Pastures and the Sensory Trail. And there will be a solid base for the the arena we are using until we can put a roof on it.

Check progress as you drive by this summer!



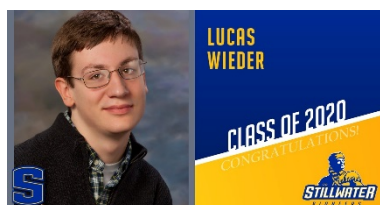
Chiquita and Tank are going to Summer Camp at the Dormans while the Pasture 2 boys are moving to the North pasture thanks to the gift of a water tank and trailer



**"It's the beginning of a Dream! We are so grateful to supporters who realize that moving dirt is a critical first step to the covered arena."** Rachel Royston, Exec Dir

## Saluting the Class of 2020: Luke, Jesse, Levi and Kaitlyn!

Together these riders have been with us almost 40 years!!! We are so PROUD but are missing them already!



## Tisha and Brandy Take Volunteering with Horses to a Whole New Level

**Tisha Gossman** and **Brandy Goodson** are teachers at Highland Park Elementary. Tisha came to Turning Point to implement a grant to make the barn accessible for students with vision impairments.

The BFF's joined the Feed Team because they could do it before or after school, but OOOPS! They fell in love with the horses and when the schools closed, they just couldn't stop.



These two have taken selfies with EVERY Turning Point horse.... And even made a donation to help cover the summer feed bill.

*"We love being a part of TPR!"*

*In this crazy time in the world, being able to come out and spend time with the horses has been OUR therapy. We love feeding, grooming, washing, loving and yes, even mucking.*

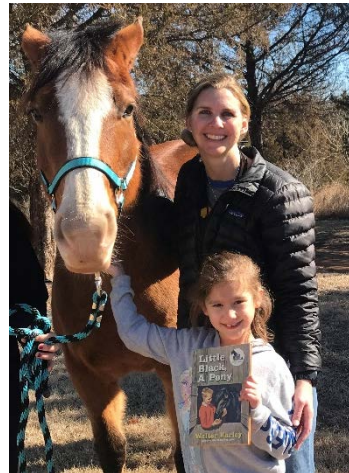
*We've become so invested in this herd, we call them "OUR" horses. Thanks for sharing them with us."*

## And the Barn Goes LIVE!

Just because riders couldn't come to the barn after Spring Break, doesn't mean Turning Point stopped teaching about horses and horsemanship.

Herd Manager Amanda Mokri has posted weekly videos that included a tour of the property, plus demonstrations of what the farrier does, how the feed team gets every horse's bucket ready, what kind of tack Turning Point uses, how we use the Heineke method to determine the fitness of our horses and, of course, how to properly groom a horse. You can watch the videos on Facebook.

**Amanda Mokri** demonstrates what's in each horse's grooming kit and how to use each tool to properly groom a Turning Point horse. In this video, she used Larry as her "spokesmodel"



## Literacy Clipped by Closings

**Baxter** and **Chiquita** took books to the First Graders at **Highland Park** in February and they started reading – never imagining that they wouldn't come back to school after Spring Break.

So the annual **Horse Tales Literacy** Field Trip didn't happen – no stick horse racing or cave chalking or roping or feed bag making.

But when the students FINALLY got to return to school to clean out their cubbies, they did get their very own second book: **Little Black Goes to the Circus** to read over the summer.



**Taylor Brown** from the **Coffee Shop** presents the specialized Bareback Pad our riders needed.

## Stillwater Supporters Ask: "How Can We Help?"



A check from the Joshua Foundation came our way from **Dr. Brayden Routh**. She volunteered all four years as an undergrad and just earned her DVM!

**Keller Williams** local office named Turning Point the beneficiary of the annual **Red Day** campaign for 2020. Not only did they raise \$1670, they are coming for a workday when we reopen after the Covid 19 closure.



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## Baxter Hits the Road to Do His Job:



From visiting riders while inside Rachel's truck to demonstrating how to "rope" a cow with a ring at the Life Center, **Baxter** has NOT been working from home! His handlers and many of the folks he visited WERE wearing masks, but everyone stayed 6 feet apart to stay safe.