I love FALL!

There is so much excitement in the air with classes starting back up, football season, new volunteers, seeing old volunteers, and the impending holidays. And did I mention Football! Here are a few of the “happenings” from around the state:
Thanks to long time Turning Point Riding friend CATHRYN CHRISTENSEN for her donation of 9 big round bales of hay and to JOHN & MONA LOEWEN of Loewen Herefords for use of their 2-bale capacity pickup to move the hay to Turning Point Riding.

Turning Point is also “aiming” at their fall fundraiser

Kenzie Oefelein, longtime TPR instructor is now officially Turning Point's Volunteer Coordinator through the AmeriCorps program!
American Therapeutic Riding Center will be hosting a benefit barrel race in...
Bennie’s Barn in Enid, OK will be hosting a Golf Tournament in October.

Bennie’s Barn was also featured on KOKH Fox 25 News in Oklahoma.
Right Path Riding Academy has a Trailblazers Youth Enhancement Class in which they connect horsemanship with teamwork, trust, and responsibility.

Abby Ocker with Right Path Riding Academy provided a Make-a-Wish this fall. The recipient, a young girl, wanted a horse and so Abby made that happen with a beautiful paint, English and Western tack and more. Here is a link to the video with the reveal. https://www.facebook.com/TRPRA1996/videos/10156319324780937/

Coffee Creek
No real news but who doesn’t love photos like this?
TLC Therapeutic Riding Center did a demonstration at the Pontotoc County Fair. "Share the Love of Animals" livestock show will follow. This is the first time the fair committee has tried this, so come out and support TLC. Shout out to the FFA students and 4H students that are partnering with those that need a little extra assistance to show for the first time!
This past August, right after the regional conference, Andi Holland had knee surgery. One of the things I love about this industry is how everyone steps up to help out. And I also love how challenges turn into opportunities for growth. Andi’s surgery meant she was going to be down and out and not able to teach classes and she was worried about her clients. When not one, not two, but THREE of her volunteers stepped up and said they would be come Instructors in Training. They are doing great and we are gaining three wonderful individuals as instructors in Oklahoma.
State Meeting 2019

Mark your calendars for the Oklahoma State Meeting 2019 for June 8, 2019. Right now, we are finalizing the location, but it looks like we will be in Tulsa area. I have contacted Cheryl West and she will be providing 6-8 hours (again, finalizing plans) of education with at least 4-6 of those being disability education. It will be hands on and possibly some on horseback learning bio mechanics of horsemanship and more. Cost will be $25 with a minimum of 25 participants. This includes lunch. I know this is a big increase from previous years but will be well worth it to learn from Cheryl. Please email me at pathintlok@gmail.com or text me at 405-269-6051 to sign up or with questions.

Yours,
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