

We're sharing your good news to share a smile!

Across Region 8, centers have been working hard and are determined to help their programs and facilities succeed, even in these difficult times. Our new normal might look different for all of us, but that doesn't change our industry's universal drive to continuously improve and serve our community. Keep reading on page 3 to learn of our region's good news.



The PATH Intl. office apologizes for the lateness of this newsletter, which meant not letting people know beforehand of the Louisiana State Meeting.

Conference and Meeting Updates

The PATH Intl. Region 8/LSTEN Conference scheduled for July 31- August 2, 2020 has been canceled. Mark your calendars for the 2021 PATH Intl. Region 8/LSTEN Conference July 30-August 1, 2021, to be held at Runnin' WJ Ranch in Texarkana, Tx. Thank you very much to ROCK of Georgetown, TX for your hard work in planning the 2020 conference.

For more information regarding Region 8 conferences, check out the Lone Star Therapeutic Equestrian Network website <https://www.lstn.net>.



SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
10AM-12PM

Free Zoom Meeting from
New Heights Therapeutic Riding Center
in Folsom, Louisiana

1 CEU given

To register, email
Vicki.Eiland@NewHeightsTherapy.org

AGENDA:

- 10-11: PATH International and Region 8 Updates from Jen Donahue
- 11-12: Guest Speaker Jackie Jolie Equine Body Work Demonstration

From the Desk of the Region 8 Representative

by Jen Donahue region8rep@pathintl.org



Hello to all of our amazing PATH Intl centers in Region 8! Eight is just Grrrrreat!

Our summer Newsletter finds many of us in the discovery phase of reopening after a very interesting turn of events that may have left us a bit dazed and confused, yet stronger and more resilient than before the beginning of March 2020. Congratulations for standing tall and strong! Keeping positive and determined for those who are still preparing for the process. We are preparing to begin weekly ZoomMeets to open dialogue for questions and answers for our members. Please check out our Region 8 FB page for announcements.

This is the 7th newsletter as your Region Rep. I have been honored to be a part of its creation. Your Communication Chair, Emilie Thomason has been doing a phenomenal job spearheading its content and formatting to support Networking and Community Connection! The ultimate purpose for this Newsletter! Your Region 8 Leadership Team members work diligently each quarter collecting stories and insights to be shared within its colorful and informative pages. We trust that each of you will find something to reflect on.

Your Regional Leadership Team also works year round ensuring that our members have a voice, are provided with amazing educational opportunities, are kept informed and updated on important events and changes within PATH Intl. as well as being a friendly voice on a call that supports and informs with answers to questions within the EAAT industry. They create state meetings, networking opportunities and keep us all connected by phone and email. These folks volunteer their time and talents to assist you all year round! I am sending Kudos out to this amazing team of individuals I have been Privileged to lead and learn from. These folks are your wonderful PATH Intl State Chairs!

Golden Horse shoes to each of these dedicated Individuals!!!

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I am so grateful to have such an amazing group of individuals to work with. I want to thank each of you for your constant dedication and contributions to our members and the EAAT industry!.

Respectfully,
Region 8 Representative Jen Donahue

Sharing Good News and Smiles

Savannah Station TRP - El Rino, Oklahoma (405) 422-6239 www.savannahstation.org

At Savannah Station we have really tried to use this extra time wisely. There have been many silver linings. Our "To Do" list is done!

We took our horses on an off-site trail ride. The horses had a great experience, the riders enjoyed the company and it was the first time we pulled our five-horse trailer all the way full!

On May 14 we had a Pass and Pet Achievement Event. It was really fun! Most of all it was so good to see each other and for the riders to see their horses



TEAM, Therapeutic Equestrian Association of McAlester - McAlester, Oklahoma (918) 636-4884
www.mcalesterteam.com



Amanda Carter - On May 24, one of our super horses, Goldie (Jets Golden Rose) foaled a beautiful Perlino stud colt on site at TEAM. Not only was Goldie a top barrel horse with more than \$10,000 in lifetime earnings through the age of 18, but she is also an accomplished therapy horse, working in both careers simultaneously until three years ago. She continued to work with all areas of clients, ages 3+, alternative education students, and special olympics athletes of all ages in showmanship, trail and barrels. She has also taken multiple clients to participate in the SE District 4-H horse show, placing in multiple events in regular classes.

Now, at the age of 21, she easily delivered Xander with the grace and style with which she does everything else. Mom and colt are doing well, and Goldie will return to work this fall after weaning Xander.

In other news, we have resumed business as usual, and are looking forward to a blessed and busy summer.

Sharing Good News and Smiles Continued

TTTRC, Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center - Lubbock, Texas (806) 792-4683
www.depts.ttu.edu/afs/ttrc/

Things are looking a bit different at TTRC. For those of you who got used to seeing our new addition as a blank slab of concrete with some rebar, we now have framed out rooms, AC units going in, and a safe room that is starting to take shape.



Horses for Healing, Inc. - Bentonville, Arkansas (479) 795-0570 www.horsesforhealingnwa.org

Horses for Healing opened its new cross country schooling course to the first of hopefully many riders. Arden Villines of Bright Lines Sport Horses was the very first rider to see their brand new course. All money raised from the course will go to Horses for Healing rider scholarships. As the first PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center in Arkansas, Horses for Healing is continuously striving to serve the estimated 10,000+ children with special needs in Northwest Arkansas.



Sharing Good News and Smiles Continued

Bright Star Ranch - Monroe, Louisiana (318) 282-9908 www.brightstarranch.org

Bright Star Ranch of Monroe, Louisiana has been able to reopen their doors to riders, under strict cleanliness protocols and limited participants. Bright Star was recently blessed by one of their riders, Ayden Blunschi, who painted three pieces of artwork and then donated them to Bright Star as part of an artwork auction fundraiser via Facebook. Ayden is seen below in the left image.



Bright Star Ranch also welcomed Chiavala into their therapy horse herd, pictured to the right. Belle Rose Bright Chiavala, aka "Chi" was out of a mare bred by Joyce M. Christian's stud Babes, a Gypsy Vanner Horse. Debbie, founder of Bright Star Ranch, purchased Chi as a foal, and he's been in training to join the Bright Star therapy horse herd. That is until he graduated training on May 19th! The staff is so excited to work with Chi & they are sure the riders will be too! Congratulations Chi!

Like and follow PATH Intl. Region 8 on Facebook to hear about CEU opportunities and much more happening in our region!

