

# MILL CREEK FARM GAZETTE

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## *Our Welcome Kiosk*

In order to provide more information for visitors, we have built a new welcome kiosk, manned by volunteers, where people can learn the history of the farm, information on particular horses and how people can make a difference to ensure that this 501(c)3 continues forever.

The Retirement Home for Horses relies completely on donations. During the summer the feed bill exceeds \$8,000 per month. In addition, we have expenses such as vet bills, farriers, fencing, equipment maintenance, insurance, etc.

The farm has one paid employee, but is otherwise run by a dedicated group of volunteers who assist with grooming on Thursdays and Saturdays and feeding and farm maintenance seven days a week. We're always looking for volunteers.



The welcome kiosk, with RHH items available with a donation.

## *Meet Watermelon...*

**Watermelon**, a 35-year-old Palomino Paint, arrived here in June 2005. She was one of 23 horses found neglected and emaciated at a slaughterhouse for pigs and goats. Her case was aired on Animal Planets' Miami Animal Police.

Watermelon never has to worry about her next meal and is the first to greet visitors, poking her head through the fence "window" to ensure she is noticed by all who carry carrots!



## *Meet our Oldest Volunteer...*

At 85 years old Ron Dickson may be our oldest volunteer, but don't expect him to be slowing down any time soon.

Arriving at the farm every morning at 6 a.m., he feeds 42 horses before heading back home to make his wife breakfast.

Ron always has a smile and kind word for everyone and his dedication is very much appreciated. He is an inspiration to us all.



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