

The weather has begun to change here at Mill Creek Farm with the mornings being a little cooler and the grass starting to slow down in its growth. We wish to thank all of our supporters for helping us continue our mission to provide these and future horses with a safe and forever home.

— Mary and Paul Gregory, Shane, Ryan, The Volunteers and all the Horses Retirement Home for Horse, Inc. at Mill Creek Farm



Cheryl Rhoden



John Becker



Tom Becker

We rely on our 3 amazing farriers to make sure that our horse's hooves have the proper care. Over 5 days in September all the retirees were seen by our trio. Cheryl is at the farm every 4 weeks to work with the horses with special needs. She is a true horse whisperer and makes any retiree she works with feel comfortable and relaxed. John and his brother Tom are here every 7 to 8 weeks to ensure that the horse's hooves are in the best shape possible.

THE BIRDS OF MILL CREEK FARM



The Alachua Audubon Society came out to Mill Creek Farm on Saturday, September 19th for their annual North American Fall Migration Bird Count.

This year they observed:

2 Prairie Warblers/2 Summer Tanagers/7 Northern Cardinals/1 Black Vulture/5 Turkey Vultures/3 Red-Shouldered Hawks/1 Rock Pigeon/2 Eurasian Collared-Doves/4 Mourning Doves/1 Yellow-Billed Cuckoo/1 Red-Headed Woodpecker/2 Red-Billed Woodpecker/1 Downy Woodpecker/1 Pileated Woodpecker/2 East Wood Pewees/1 Great Crested Flycatcher/6 Loggerhead Shrikes/13 White-eyed Vireo/2 Red-Eyed Vireos/5 Blue Jays/15 American Crows/3 Carolina Chickadees/5 Tufted Titmouse/3 Carolina Wrens/1 Eastern Bluebird/2 Northern Mockingbirds/4 Ovenbirds/2 Common Yellowthroats/7 American Redstarts/4 Northern Parulas

Solar Power in the Meadows

Thanks to our supporters for helping us transform the well in the Meadows to solar power. Now the horses can splash in their troughs all day long and they fill right back up like the rest of the farm. There is no power source on that side of the farm and we did not want to run power lines and poles across the horses' pastures. Before we went to solar we were using a generator 3 times a day to make sure the troughs were always full. We still have a generator as back-up just in case we get a long period of cloudy days but so far it has not been needed. Sheffield's Inc. of High Springs, Fl. has installed and maintained our 4 wells on the farm and now they are working to make the world a little greener with well pumps powered by solar.



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