

The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc.

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This month our newest retiree, Faith, arrived to call Mill Creek Farm her forever home. We wormed all the horses, added more Bluebird Nesting Boxes, celebrated Mary's Granddaughter's wedding, updated our visitors map, continued on with our invasive plant removal project, welcomed Cole Brewer to our Team and celebrated a very special Birthday with one of our volunteers.

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



Faith

Faith, a lovely 20 year old Appaloosa mare, arrived at RHH to begin a (hopefully) long and tranquil retirement.

In 2014 she was seized by Baker County Animal Control after being found tied by her ankle to a tree in an emaciated state. She was then rescued by the good folks at Fallen Oak Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation who worked hard to get her healthy and find her an adoptive home. Unfortunately, due to Faith's age and the fact she was blind in one eye as well as being diagnosed with skin cancer, the possibility of adoption was not successful.

We at RHH are extremely grateful to be able to provide her a safe sanctuary for the remainder of her life. We thank all our volunteers and supporters for helping us make this possible. If you would like to help co-sponsor Faith or another horse, please visit our [SPONSOR A HORSE](#) page on our website.

Our Wildlife Pictures of the Month



Eastern Bluebird



Bluebird Nesting Box

The Eastern Bluebird is a lovely ever present resident at Mill Creek Farm. They are cavity-nesting birds and need holes in dead trees or artificial nesting boxes to build their nests. They are vulnerable to habitat change and in the past their populations have declined seriously in many areas due to loss of habitat but have increased in recent decades helped by birdhouses provided in many areas. We have many bluebird houses built for them around the farm and there is much joyful activity in them during nesting season.

Mary's Granddaughter gets Married

On June 25th Mary's Granddaughter and Paul's Niece, Breanna, was married in Santa Ynez, California. She and her new husband, Andrew, are devoted animal lovers that help many deserving causes on the west coast and also tirelessly promote our mission here at Mill Creek Farm. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Goettler!



Happy 87th Birthday Ron!

Sir Ronald Dickson has been volunteering with the horses for over a decade. He comes in 6 days a week at 6:00 a.m. to feed 35 horses on the North End of the farm. For him age is a state of mind as he will run circles around the rest of us. He is an inspiration and a friend to all that know him.



Our Map got an Update



Thanks to Thomas Weinkde at [Vortex Communications](#) who originally designed this map as a gift to the farm but also keeps it updated when we add more pastures and trails.



Cole Brewer joins our Team

Mill Creek Farm *welcomes* Cole Brewer to our Team. Cole recently graduated with honors from Santa Fe High School and will be working with us during the summer and part time this winter after he starts school at Santa Fe College.

Non-native plant removal project continues:

Thank you to the University of Florida's English Language Institute who came out this month to help us eradicate invasive vines and non-native plants. If you are a group that would like to help on projects like this please send us an [email](#) and we can give you more details.

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