

# MILL CREEK FARM GAZETTE

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In March we welcomed Hope and Harmony to begin their much deserved retirement; had all the horses' hooves trimmed by our team of farriers; feature the Northern Cardinal as our Wildlife Picture of the Month; continue to clean out the vines and trim branches in the horses' pastures with the help of so many incredible volunteers; honor the passing of Peter Gregory and introduce you to Surprise in his new Soft-Ride Boots.

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

## Meet our newest Retirees Hope and Harmony



*Hope (Dun Pony)*



*Harmony (Gray QH)*

Our newest retirees arrived March 2nd from Sumter County Animal Control after being in their facility for 3 months. And since both are over 20 years old they faced an uncertain future. Usually these older horses are euthanized or are auctioned off...to a sad fate.

Our promise to them is that they will never be ridden or worked again and can live out the rest of their lives in peace, safety, and tranquility with care and love.

And we thank once again... all our wonderful supporters, donors and volunteers for making this forever home for Harmony and Hope possible.

## Wildlife Picture of the Month The Northern Cardinal



The Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinales*) is a year round resident at Mill Creek Farm. It is always a treat to see their flashes of red as they hop through the low tree branches. They are active songbirds with a lovely variety of trills that inspire us to whistle ourselves as we go about our chores!

## Vine Removal Project Continues

Thank you to all the incredible groups and individuals that came out to clear the vines and branches in the wooded areas of the horses' pastures.

*The English Language Institute at the University of Florida*  
*Fisher School of Accounting Council Alpha Zeta, a University of Florida agricultural honor fraternity*  
*PAW (People for Animal Wellness) A University of Florida Student Organization*  
*The College of Dentistry*

## Over a 5 day period four Farriers were able to get all the Retiree's Hooves Trimmed



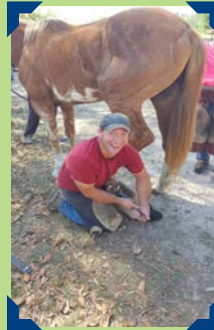
*Tom trims Mo-Mo*



*John working on Rose*



*Cheryl gives Holly a manicure on her front hooves*



*Joe treats Holly to a pedicure on her rear hooves*

Remembering PETER GREGORY (d. March 18, 2014) who dedicated his life and his love to the animals of Mill Creek Farm.

35 years ago Peter along with his wife Mary created this sanctuary...a special place for a noble animal. (Peter and his best pal ICE PICK making their rounds)



BIG SURPRISE has a new pair of boots!

Big Surprise suffered from laminitis, a serious crippling disease, that caused him to become lame. At the suggestion of our vet, Dr. Eric Hiers, we ordered the Soft-Ride boots. <https://www.softrideboots.com/gels-boots.asp> They are designed to cushion and cradle the hoof with gel orthotics. They worked brilliantly. And along with regular farrier treatment, special diet, and constant foot monitoring and cleaning he is back to regular movement and activity.



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