

Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

June 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

**The May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
June 24 at Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
750 W Main Street, Inverness.**

352-341-2686

Dinner 5:30-7:00 business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker: Citrus County Sheriff's Office
will speak on security issues.**

***Non-Members are WELCOME!*
*Please come and join us!***



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The following is an email that pertains to recent burglaries at horse farms in the Marion County area. Our speaker this month will be from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the topic will be security and the things we can do to protect ourselves, our animals and our property.

Thank you Jeanne Damron for forwarding this information!

Subject: FW: Alert to Horse Farm Theft in Ocala/Marion County

The Marion County Sheriff's Office has seen a severe increase in burglaries to those in the equine industry, specifically, horse farms. Please notify the appropriate contacts to reduce the risk of burglary and theft by observing the following:

1. Ensure ALL gates are secure and locked to include the interior/exterior, entry gates as well as interior access gates throughout the property.
2. Remove and secure ALL keys from mowers, ATV's (Gators, Mules, etc.) tractors, vehicles & equipment.
3. Lock all tack equipment in a secure area. This equipment should NOT be visible.
4. Lock trailers and trailer doors and utilize hitch-locking devices.
5. Document serial numbers! Documenting all serial numbers from tack and lawn equipment will help investigators and drastically increase chances of solving burglaries and thefts if they occur.

Please spread the word. With your help, we can reduce the opportunities to commit crimes.

Sgt Ben Adams

Marion County Sheriff's Office



www.ninaswarriors.com

This site has a section with some really good pictures to help with identification of **Creeping Indigo.**

This is a great site that has a lot of information regarding this newly recognized threat to horses and livestock. There are some really great pictures and detailed descriptions. The articles that were in last month's newsletter had some pictures, but are not as detailed and well done as the ones on this site.

The ladies who started the site have unfortunately lost horses to CI and are on a mission to help the rest of us recognize what needs to be done to protect our horses from this new threat. Identification and control are crucial.

The websites below are the same from last month and do have a lot of good information.

<http://largeanimal.vethospitals.ufl.edu/2014/11/03/creeping-indigo-toxicity/>

http://sfbfp.ifas.ufl.edu/articles/article_2013_june.shtml

www.volusia.org/core/fileparse.php/4179/urlt/Creeping-Indigo.pdf

Report any and all trail issues in the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest to Fred Fulcher at 352-341-2461 or email at rafulche@aol.com. Fred will get the word out to the appropriate people. A picture is helpful also so we know how many people and what kind of equipment is needed.



For all you ever wanted to know about the Coast 2 Coast Connector Trail aka C2C, check out the “brochure” on pages 4-5 and the after meeting update by Back Country Horsemen of Florida on page five with additional information at this link:

<http://www.bchfl.org/httpssupportgooglecomcalendaranswer99358>

**Coast 2 Coast aka C2C Web Page
[http://www.cflroads.com/project/435471-1/
South_Sumter_Connector_Trail](http://www.cflroads.com/project/435471-1/South_Sumter_Connector_Trail)**

May 2015 General Meeting

5/21/2015

Joe's Family Restaurant

Meeting called to order @ 6:50 PM

April 23 minutes: No amendments. Motion to approve by Jean Damron, 2nd by Fred Fulcher. Group approved.

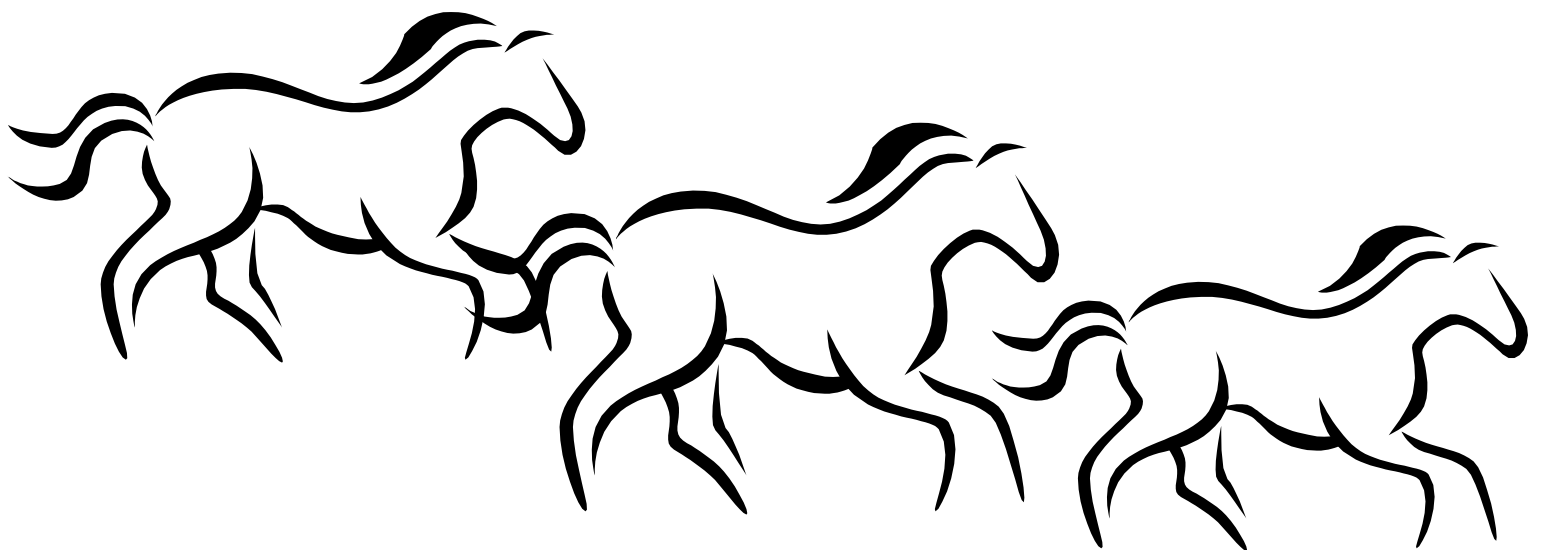
Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Jack Evans, 2nd by Calvin McDavid. Group approved.

50/50 \$13 won by Fred Fulcher.

We have our 2nd order of Tee shirts in.

Guest Speaker: Kristi Jackson, DVM, CVC

Dr. Jackson spoke on the future of Health Care and the importance of NRF2 activation at the cellular level to turn on our internal antioxidants. This process helps to combat oxidative stress that is responsible for a multitude of ailments as well as aging. It was a very interesting and informative talk.





Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$20 and Family memberships = \$25. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



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