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# In the News

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*"Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion. It seizes a person whole and, once it has done so, he will have to accept that his life will be radically changed."*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Each year we literally marvel over the large turnout of totally awesome costumes for the Silver Creek Monster Mash... and this year was, again, a huge success with over 50 entries of the most creative costumes yet!! And what is even more mind boggling is that there never seem to be any repeats...people are ever more amazing with grand new ideas and uncanny creativity each year...what fun...what fun...:>)

Alas, even after we promised we wouldn't, we underestimated food consumption in concessions...lordy, hard working people can eat a lot...so apologies are in order and already the decision has been made to let some pros do it next year and we're warning them ahead of time!! Plus, we are ill wholeheartedly over the 'photography' that lets us down each year...the lighting in the arena simply tricks most all cameras and hardly anyone gets a decent picture...so the decision has been made to bring a pro in next year for photos that will record forever the memories of these extraordinary efforts of each contestant, and their crew...half the fun of the evening is watching the hustle of all the family and friends that participate in putting the contestants together and getting them into their classes...:>)

Not one of us would have wanted to trade positions with the team of judges...what a terrible task it is for them to have to make first, second and third choices from such an array of awesome costumes and contestants...However, **the brave Judges Marcie Southerland, Karen Allred and Lorraine Puharic were diligent in selecting their placements...** **BancorpSouth, via Mike Curtis, sponsors our Monster Mash Costume event each year and we thank him immensely for his contribution of prize monies...** when monetary prizes are up for grabs, the competition gets serious...:>)

Speaking of classes...the 'cakewalk', divided into Walk, Trot and Canter divisions this year was truly the treat of the

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evening...we may have created the ultimate in Monster Mash events...with a little fine tuning, and next year's plan to offer the traditional 'homemade' cakes for the prizes we should see some serious strategies develop amongst competitors to win the cake of their choice...:>)

Even the horses amaze us each year, most all, seeming to know and accept their role, acquire a certain surreal disposition for the evening...could it be that some of those Halloween treats pass their lips...and boy did they get some good ones... Mary Jane outdid herself on the Treat Bags this year...the really good candies...I ate more candy in several hours than I have in several years...yumm yummm...:>)

Please send any photos you may have gotten, I do have a program that will entice even poor images out for at least a memory and we'll put them in the photo album on the website...we'll send an email out when posted...:>)

Upcoming events include the Thanksgiving Holiday Camp for our students and their friends...this year's dates include a full week out of school, from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> ...however, camp this year will include Monday thru Wednesday only...plan on joining us for those 3 camp days...what fun...what fun...:>)

Come learn with us...bring your friends...:>)

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