

Hi Everybody,

Only one more month left until spring. We are so excited about our great new year coming. We had a great Christmas Party in December that was sooooo much fun! Thank-you everyone, who came and shared our fun, games and food.

This year we are planning on lots of schooling shows, dressage and jumping, and having some fun. We are also going to be doing lots of trail rides, so please sign up on the board if you are interested in attending any of them, or please call us.

We have had some sad news. Our very own Prince Galaxy passed on Friday, Feb. 11th, 2011. He is already missed and will always have a presence at AppleCreek. Prince has been Champion of many disciplines: Halter, Native Costume, English and Western pleasure. He completed a 25 mile endurance ride at Madd River and showed for best condition. He took many children to win their blue ribbons. Prince spent a few years raising Stormy, Amber's baby, after she was weaned from her mother. He taught Stormy many good things.

Carol purchased Prince in 1975 at 5 months old for \$125 of babysitting money. It was the best investment Carol ever made. Prince wintered the cold mid-west months, raised by Carol's pony Nipper. Prince learned to lunge in a churchyard nearby Carol's house. He learned all the gaits by command that Carol taught from reading a book about western horse training.

At 4 years old, Prince was trained under saddle. Carol took her time as she wanted the best of training on Prince. Carol's mom, Emma, had started construction on an Arabian Costume for Prince. It took her 2 years to complete. When Prince competed in Native costume the first time, it was too overwhelming and he started bucking. Since the saddle was so slippery with the costume, Carol fell off her horse and off he went. She could not catch him either as she looked like some alien.

Prince was the kind of horse who was never sick, nor ever lame. He was as perfect of a horse as anyone could ever own. He was beautiful, kind and spirited all at the same time. Everyone who knew Prince retains a special attachment as he had that aura.

Prince earned his keep until the day he died, giving horseback riding lessons to very small children. He enjoyed the long grooming sessions and his mane grew really long. We will always treasure you in our hearts Prince!!!!

We want to welcome all of our new riders at AppleCreek. As always, we teach communication of these kind animals in a non-abusive way. We love our horses and want to instill that kind love in all of our riders.

Please let us know if you would like to see any changes at AppleCreek and what we can do to make your experience better. We want everyone to be happy riding at AppleCreek, so we are willing to change things your way.

Thank-you so much and hope to see you real soon! Please check our calendar for upcoming events.