

» **ARTS AND THEATRE**



Loranne Martin/The Valley Sentinel

60 guests attended the 1920's Gangster-style theme party fundraiser at the Gigglin' Grizzly on December 13.

Speakeasy continued from previous page their machine guns out from under their trench coats and shot everyone with ping pong balls."

"Unfortunately the event didn't raise any funds, we broke even,"

commented Thompson, "these events are expensive to put on. On the day before the event we had only sold two tickets, but in true McBride style, everyone showed up on the night of the event." Everyone had

such a fun time that Thompson considers the event a success, and a fun time for everyone. We will probably do another themed fundraiser. All in all everyone had a good time and that is job number one."

Poem for the rescued horses

the task, you see, confounded him
though we think he must have searched for the way
to free us
to keep us with him --
to save us, his friends.

not despairing, not us,
though starving and freezing,
we'd been through as bad.
we thought he'd be back for us.
we just knew it.

we waited for him,
for his voice, or any sound.
how many days went by?
we cheered each another on.
told stories, stood close.
Belle wanted to lie down
but I wouldn't let her.
then my nose started to bleed.
and night-time came again.

so sleepy, we nearly sobbed
to hear those machines.

to see fresh hay, friendly faces,
and even warm blankets.
and we watched their plan
unfold before us
though to see it
we doubted only our eyes.

the way down the mountain
was revealed to us.
as the men led us through
a narrow path hand-shovelled by many.
the sides were tall walls of snow.

he was always careful, always sure
not to bump the edges, not to
rush us --
the man Dave, we think it was,
was he the one that called out the town?
we love you all. we thank you all.
from the bottom of our hearts.

FROM BELLE AND SUNDANCE

Poem submitted by Cathy Vincent-Linderoos from London, Ontario

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Stay Safe! Brookfield Renewable Power wants to ensure that all of your outdoor recreational activities are positive and memorable experiences this winter.

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