

The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales

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No Small step for the Mounted Eagles, and one Giant Step for the program participants...

Press Release from NARHA

Mounted Eagles Receives National Accreditation

Mounted Eagles recently became accredited under the Premier Accredited Center Program offered by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). Mounted Eagles has been a NARHA Premier Accredited Center since 1994. NARHA requires that Premier Accredited Centers are re-visited every five years.

Mounted Eagles offers Equine Assisted Activities (EAT/A) for individuals with disabilities. By attaining Premier Accredited Center status through NARHA, the center has demonstrated that it is in accordance with the national standards for the therapeutic riding industry.

"By becoming a NARHA Premier Accredited Center, Mounted Eagles has demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards when introducing individuals with special needs to a variety of equestrian activities," said NARHA CEO & Executive Director, Sheila Kemper Dietrich. "NARHA Accreditation is a respected benchmark within the therapeutic riding industry. It demonstrates a commitment to safety and the highest professional standards."

To become a NARHA Premier Accredited Center, a member organization must successfully pass an on-site evaluation by a trained NARHA Site Visitor. Centers are evaluated according to several standards that cover a wide range of areas such as horse management, safety equipment, quality of instruction, facility operations, volunteerism and administrative practices. These standards were developed by the NARHA membership to assure that centers follow procedures that are basic to quality equine assisted therapy and activities. NARHA Accreditation helps assist the public in selecting quality centers that provide safe equestrian services.

The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities for individuals with special needs. At nearly 800 member centers, a total of 36,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. For more information

about NARHA visit www.narha.org or call 800-369-RIDE. For more information about Mounted Eagles, Aggie Stroot, Executive Director at 888-828-9920 or at bstroot@tds.net.

We're very proud of this accomplishment. Thanks to all of the staff members, volunteers and program participants who had a part in taking this giant step.

**Put on your walking –
running - rolling
“shoes”, it's time to**

Walk-N-Roll

So They Can Ride

The Third Annual Walk-N-Roll will be held on **Saturday, September 24th**, in Pequot Lakes. Last year's event raised over \$20,000 in pledges, contributions, sponsorships and Silent Auction bids. The monies raised from this event enabled us to continue to provide care for our horses and provide services to our current and new participants. We're looking forward to an even better turnout this year.

Pre Registration is encouraged and is due by Sept 3rd. You may also register the day of the event. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt when they turn in their minimum \$25 pledge. Each participant age 9 and older must collect a minimum of \$25 in pledges in order to participant. Children 8 and under are welcome to join in the event as well and will be counted as team members. If they collect pledges, then that's a plus!

Each team member must complete a separate registration form and collect the minimum pledge amount. A team captain should be appointed and he/she should gather all pledges and registration information for their team.

After the participants complete the course and cross the finish line, they'll have an opportunity to take part in the Silent Auction prior to the Awards Ceremony. Awards will be presented to the adult and youth participant who raises the most \$'s in pledges, the team with the most participants, and the team who raises the most \$s in pledges.

Bring your friends and family members to this fun-filled event. Review the enclosed registration form for detailed information. For additional forms and information call Aggie at 888.828.9920 or 568.3968.

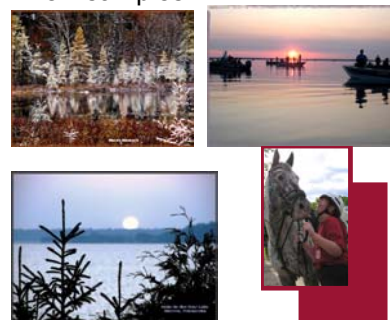
\$ New Fund Raising Items \$

We have developed a line of Mounted Eagles Note cards and Post cards. These items contain local photographs taken by photographer and Mounted Eagles' volunteer, Janet Moran. The Note Cards can be purchased for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The Post Cards are \$1.25 each or 6 for \$5.

There is a wide assortment of designs available including flowers, horses, and landscape scenes. We are also willing to personalize the cards with a photo of your favorite program participant and/or horse. Samples are available at the barn and we hope to have them on our web site in the very near future. You can also call Aggie or Jan for more information.

This is a great gift giving idea for Graduations, Weddings, Birthdays and the upcoming Christmas Season as well as a perfect opportunity for you to support the continued growth and success of the Mounted Eagles therapeutic horsemanship program.

A few samples:



We'll also be offering Horse Treats for sale. We currently have "Nicker Makers" and are working on our own Mounted Eagles brand of horse treats. Those should be available very soon. Cost of the Nicker Makers is \$2.00 per 8oz bag.

Hotwheels for Horsepower!

The 3rd Annual Charity Bike Run was a great success. The combined Motorcycle/Classic Car Run and Show proved to be an exciting event.

The Silent Auction, Live Music and, of course, food were a hit as well! Thanks to all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers who were a part of the success of this fund raising event. Hope to see you and all of your friends again next year.



The first Mounted Eagles' Clean Sweep (Garage Sale) was also a great success. The sale raised over \$800. Many thanks to all who contributed items and time to this fund raising event.

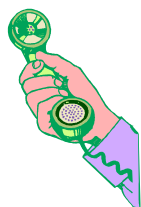
A Note from Susie:

Hi everyone. Been quite a summer huh? I trust all of you have been surviving the heat and humidity. We can all just pretend we are in Louisiana this summer!!! Are we all enjoying our southern vacation...? Oh well. All is well.

It has been a very different summer for the program as well. Some of you are just starting back for the first time this year - due to so many horse injuries. I believe we are finally on a roll. When you come you must meet MR. BILL. He is a Belgian-Morgan cross. He is certainly a PROMINENT addition to the program!!!! Tanner is a much more mature addition but very healthy for his age, very patient and willing.

It is Horse Show time! Date is October 8. Stay tuned for all of the details. And No, I do not know what color the t shirts are going to be this year. When I talked to the 4-H leader of the sponsoring group she said they are picking the color and it will be a surprise to all of us. So, if any of you find out before me, let me know too! I know you will all be working hard to prepare for your events at the show and it is a really fun time for us to see you so enthused and so focused. Well, I guess that is it for now. It will be good to see all of you again and we will all have a good time getting ready for the show. later.... love, Susie

Remember to **Make it a Practice** to call on Tuesdays & Thursdays to check the status of that day's riding schedule or to cancel your attendance for the day. **A 24-hr notice of cancellations is appreciated. 1-888-828-9920**



Horse News! Some Sad news and Some Glad News....

We have had to say goodbye to a couple of our equine friends in the past couple of months. Kota and Dazzle have been removed from the program due to illness and/or other reasons.



Kota is still resting at Susie's until a final decision is made about his health.

Dazzle has a new permanent home as the newest member of Susie's family.



We are sad to see these friends leave us and thank them for the service they so graciously gave.

Pepper is finally well and back to being her sweet self.



We welcome two new additions to our equine family. Tanner is a Palomino Paint Gelding, who is a former reining horse. Although he is quite old in horse years (28), he is fitting into our program very well. Mr. & Mrs. Scott Sorenson donated him to us. Many thanks to them.

Bill is a Belgian/Morgan cross and has captured everyone's heart. He is a 13-year-old sorrel gelding and has a heart as huge as his beautiful body. He had adapted quite well to our routine and we are sure his walk, trot, canter and driving skills will be a great addition to the growth of our program services. The Mounted Eagles program purchased Bill.

Sorry, no pictures of the "newbees" yet.

Volunteer News!

Many thanks to the volunteers and their family members who worked at the Crow Wing County Fair Booth.

New Helping Hands

Welcome to our new volunteers! We're so happy and very lucky to have you here!



Jan Finger, Kristin Couch, Dominick Granholm, Hannah Johnson, Kate LaPage, Steph Shilling, Joan Stigiliani and Blaine Landry

Happy Birthday to:

July Anshel B, Mike H, Paige M, Malissa M, Sam W, Kris W, Steph S, Kate L, and Sarah G

August Jenny A, Jared D, Monica R, Levi R, Nick B, Missy F, Howard M, Roger N, Hannah J, Wendy N, Rosea W, and Katie R

September Hannah J, Missy P, Jennifer P, Kelly W, Rich L, Mary H, Jordan N, Nathan L, Amanda W, Dominick G, Carmel J, and Jim J

Calendar of Events:

Sept 10th & 11th – Concession Stand at Endurance Run
Sept 24th – Walk N Roll
Oct 8th – Annual Horse Show
Oct – Wreath Sales Begin
Oct 29th – Volunteer/Staff In-Service Training
Nov 4th – Wreath Orders Due
Nov 7-12th – NARHA Annual Conf.
Nov 17th – Last Day of Riding before Winter Break
Week of Nov 21st – Wreaths Delivered

Looking Toward the Future

HOP Update: The next HOP committee meeting will be September 29th, 9:00am-4:00pm at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls.

We want Your News!

If you know of a Mounted Eagles' participant who has made a notable accomplishment, please contact me. We'd love to let everyone know!