



# The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales



Therapeutic Horsemanship

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Our first "A Night With the Stars" fundraising event was held at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd on Saturday, April 27th from 6-9 pm. We had a great turn out with over 100 attendees all there to support the Mounted Eagles program! Cragun's provided wonderful appetizers as guests mingled around the silent auction tables placing their bids on some wonderful items donated by program supporters and local businesses. Everyone really enjoyed the live music by "Daybreak" and some were brave enough to participate in the Swing dancing lessons. We had great fun with the Speed Raffles where you didn't even need to leave your table to join in. Another big hit was the photo booth, you could get your photo taken with a "celebrity" and speaking of celebrities, we also had some very special guests join in on our event. This event was a new way to try to raise funds for Mounted Eagles. With the feedback confirming that it was successful event, we are planning to make it an annual one. Special thanks to Cragun's Resort for supporting our event, Lynn Hanson for her endless hours, Jim Hanson and the band, Deb and Ray Griffin, Melodie, Tim and Sami Salzl, Jan Moran and Sharon Jendro our photographers, Jeanne and Bob Larson, Tami Lu Smith for her beautiful decorations, Rafferty's pizza for selling tickets, and the many other volunteers, donators and supporters. See you next year!

## 11th Annual Walk-N-Roll *So they can ride*

September 7, 2013  
Registration  
begins 2 pm

This is our largest fundraiser and an easy one for everyone to participate in some way. The walk/roll is a walk, run, bike, rollerblade event from Pequot Lakes to Nisswa. At the Community Center in Nisswa at the end of the "Walk" we will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under, 5 and under are free.

Those participating in the walk are asked to collect a minimum of \$25 in pledges. This includes an event t-shirt. Please find the pledge form in this newsletter. There will be prizes for the most team members, most pledges collected by an individual (youth and adult) and the team with the most pledges. Form a family, coworker, or friends team and come out and enjoy a great day on the trail followed by good food and fellowship. Registration begins at the band shell in Pequot Lakes at 2 pm and the "Walk" starts at 3 pm. Dinner is from 3 to 7. Invite as many as you can to dinner even if they can't participate on the trail. There will be something for everyone at the Auction!!! Please help us meet our goals by collecting pledges. We need walkers and rollers to make this happen!



### Do you have Silent Auction items?

Do you, or someone you know, have a talent to share in creating a homemade gift or gift basket for our Walk n Roll Silent Auction? Do you have an employer or business contact who may be willing to donate an item for the auction?

We are looking for a variety of items, large and small. Gift cards make great auction items too! Please drop off items at the barn or contact Melodie Salzl at 651-283-7911 to arrange for pick-up. Thank you in advance!





### Can you say Pizza?

**Pizza Ranch Fundraiser**  
**July 29 5:30 to 8:30 Baxter**

Mounted Eagles will receive 10% of all sales on this evening, plus tips. All you need to do is bring friends and come to eat at Pizza Ranch. How easy is that!!! Some of our volunteers and Special Olympic athletes will be our servers/bussers so come and support them!!

## Rider of the Quarter - Sherry Schumer

Sherry Schumer is one of the adult riders at Mounted Eagles. She has been riding for about 10 years. Sherry comes to the barn for her lesson on Tuesday afternoons. She has had the opportunity to ride many different horses through her years of riding. Sherry's current riding partner is Stormy, a purebred Belgian draft horse. To see Stormy for the first time, he can be a bit intimidating as he towers over the other horses. Sherry admits that Stormy is very big, but according to Sherry, he is a "good ol' horse" and he can be quite silly at times.

Sherry loves to ride and has noticed great improvement with her balance. She continues to work on her balance in the saddle along with her reining skills. Sometimes getting Stormy to go where you want him to go can take some work both with the reins and your bodywork in the saddle. But hard work pays off and Sherry earned a first place ribbon at the Mounted Eagles Participant Horse Show!

Sherry comes from a large family with seven brothers and one sister. She resides in Little Falls and is currently working two jobs. She enjoys both jobs, with one that requires working in the evenings. Sherry likes cooking and baking. She has been told that her Chicken Noodle soup is very good. She also likes to make different kinds of hot dishes and Rice Krispie Bars.

When she is not riding or working, Sherry likes to try her luck at the casino and sometimes wins at playing Bingo. In the summer, she likes to go swimming and fishing. When she is at home, Sherry likes to watch TV shows with horses in them. She likes "Little House on the Prairie" and "Mr. Ed" the talking horse. Sherry laughs when she thinks of Mr. Ed and says that it is too bad that Stormy can't talk like Mr. Ed. That certainly would make for an interesting riding lesson!



Sherry, we are very proud of your accomplishments with the Mounted Eagles therapeutic riding program. We enjoy your positive attitude and cheerful personality. Congratulations on being selected as the Rider of the Quarter.

**Mounted Eagles is a 501(c) non-profit group.**

**Our Mission Statement:** Mounted Eagles enhances the lives of program participants, volunteers and the community by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from therapeutic, developmental and educational equine-assisted activities.

From our Executive Director  
Lynn Fairbanks

Mounted Eagles is very lucky to have some very dedicated volunteers, board members and parents/caregivers. This organization would not run successfully without you. These people I am referring to do everything from organizing successful fundraisers, volunteering at the barn in many capacities, collecting and donating items for silent auctions and many more. These people do this because they want to support the program and see it succeed. They do not complain when they are asked to do another task. They make time in their busy schedule to raise money so that our horse's board is covered one more month. They take time to exercise horses and give them massages when they ache. This group is the very core of Mounted Eagles. At some point these people cannot take on another task because they are doing two or three things for the program already. It is at this point I want to ask YOU what can you do help Mounted Eagles? Can you help with set up, clean up, registration for an event? Can you hang up flyers? Can you make phone calls? Can you invite people to attend events with you? Can you invite a friend to volunteer? Can you invite a new rider? Can you help in the kitchen at events? Can you ask your employer for a donation to the program? Did you answer yes to any of these questions? If you did, please let me know how you would like to help. We need new people to help with things. It cannot always be the same people, they get very tired. Perhaps you have not known what you can do or maybe you did not realize there is a need, but we do need each and every parent/caregiver/volunteer/board member and participants if they are able to help make our fundraising events successful. I know that it may seem like we have a lot of fundraisers. If you could help us make the large fundraisers more successful, there would be no need for the small ones. Volunteer with a friend or as a family for these events. They are all very fun and a great way to spend time together and help Mounted Eagles. Take a look at the list of upcoming fundraising events and give me a call to let me know which one you would like to help with. Thank you Lynn Fairbanks 218-831-8240

**2013 Calendar of Events**

July 29 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser  
September 7 Walk N Roll  
October 5,6,7 Hoofin It Trail Ride

Watch [www.mountedeagles.org](http://www.mountedeagles.org) for updated calendar.



Turtle Races in Nisswa are in full swing!! Mounted Eagles again are the Turtle Wranglers. The Nisswa Chamber of Commerce loves the partnership we have formed with them on this fundraiser. It is beneficial to all. Thank you to Wranglers Zachary Iverson, Morena and Dana Hammer, Tyler and Amber Hidde and Cole and Quinn Trottier. Every week these dedicated young people battle tourists, media, crying children and much more. They take it all in stride and keep up with the endless stream of turtles who need their water pails refilled. Special thanks to Renee Iverson and Susie Baillif who bravely manned the Turtle Races in my absence on two of the busiest race days of the year. On July 3, a race record was set (for the current MC, who has been there for 13 years) of 881 racers. It was a hot and busy day. The Chamber rewarded them with Dilly Bars when the races were over!! If you are in the Nisswa area on a Wednesday at 2 pm, come on over and race a turtle. A portion of your entry fee goes to Mounted Eagles and it is a lot of fun for young and old. If you have company bring them too. There are many races in addition to the heat races. You can enter the local race, out-of-state race, toddler race, Grandparent race, resort race. We even had an International race one week for a bunch of boys from Scotland, yes, they were even wearing kilts!

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

On July 20, several Mounted Eagles riders participated in our new annual Area 5 Competition. 39 riders from around the area came to Spirit Horse Center for a great day of riding and fellowship. Results are posted at the barn. Congratulations to Andrew Tabor, Alicia Koop, Megan Lingren, Bergen Hanson, Justin Fairbanks, Rocky Hart, Kristi Dahlgren, Danny Meyer and Hanna Jankovich. Hanna is a former Mounted Eagles participant who rode her own horse, Tucker. We are so glad she joined our team! To watch Lakeland Public Television's coverage of the Special Olympics Competition please go to [http://www.lptv.org/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&Itemid=228](http://www.lptv.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=228)



RaeLynn R	Mary D	Becky C
Eric L	Rachel T	Melanie D
Stacy G	Melodie S	Gavin P
Lynn H	Savannah G	Caia F
Jake T	Renee D	Samuel H
James S	Austin M	Megan L
Lydia P	Jessie H	Ronda R
Mitchell R	Cheryl T	Brittany E
Shirley A	Alicia J	Isaac S
Katie V	Natasha S	Isaiah S
Susie B	Jenny W	Zoe S
Bruce G		

**Welcome New Riders**

Gabrielle M  
Jayleen J

**Welcome New Volunteers**

Kristina B      Tony M  
Wayne C        Kandy M  
Allie G         Joan O  
Bethany L      Sarah O  
Sheri L         Hannah S

**Holiday Celebration Cookbook**

Start your holiday shopping early! The ME Holiday Celebration cookbook is filled with wonderful recipes to celebrate holidays throughout the year. They are only \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Available at the barn.

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