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10th Annual Walk-N-Roll *So they can ride*

September 8, 2012
Registration
begins 2 pm

The 10th Annual Walk N Roll, So They Can Ride is scheduled for September 8th. The Walk N Roll is our largest annual fundraiser. Registration for the Walk begins at 2 pm in Pequot Lakes at the band shell in Trailside Center Park. Elvis and local royalty will be on hand to get things started. Walkers, bikers, rollerbladers, skateboarders, walkers, runners, strollers and wheelchairs are all welcome. Walk participants are encouraged to obtain pledges for their trek from Pequot to Nisswa. In Nisswa we will be having a spaghetti dinner and silent auction with live music and other entertainment. Registration for the walk is \$25 in pledges, tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and under 5 are free. Encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to participate in this event in some way. Sponsors are still needed. T-shirt sponsors are \$500, mile marker sponsors are \$100 and Awards sponsor \$150. Contact Lynn Fairbanks at info@mountedeagles.org with questions or to be a sponsor. There will also be a contest for decorated bikes and hats so let your imagination run wild! See you there!

Hoofin' it for Mounted Eagles Time to Hit the Trail

The 5th annual "Hoofin It for Mounted Eagles" event will be held on October 6th & 7th. Riders and campers of all ages are invited to attend the two-day event which will feature a 3-hr ride on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Saturday evening we will have dinner with live music. A light breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning and a pancake breakfast will be served on Sunday morning. Campers are encouraged to come on Friday and camp for two nights to enjoy the camaraderie with the other campers. You don't have to bring a horse in order to participate in the fun. Non-riders can experience the weekend by taking long walks around the property or just hanging out at camp and enjoying the fall beauty. If you don't want to come for the whole weekend, you are welcome to join us on Saturday evening for the dinner and music. Primitive campsites and all trails are located on private property owned by Bill & Aggie Stroot. Fill out the registration form which can be found on our website CALENDAR (www.mountedeagles.org) and get your spot reserved early or contact Aggie Stroot at bstroot@tds.net or 218.568.3968 for more details. We look forward to hittin' the trail with y'all and raising much needed funds to help sustain your Mounted Eagles program!



Congratulations to Alicia & Brandon

Brandon and Alicia (Paine) Koop were married at St Alice Catholic Church in Pequot Lakes on June 23, 2012. Alicia's father, Deacon Rick Paine, officiated at the ceremony. Alicia has been a participant in the Mounted Eagles program since 1996. Alicia was the individual who secured our very first t-shirt sponsor, Grand Casino, for our Walk-N-Roll So They Can Ride fundraising event in 2003. She was selected as our First Rider of the Quarter in 2005. She and her family continue to be avid supporters of Mounted Eagles and Grand Casino is still a t-shirt sponsor for the Walk-N-Roll thanks to Alicia. We wish Brandon and Alicia a life full of love, good health, happiness and wonderful memories made each and every day!

Rider of the Quarter - Veronica Uhlenkamp

Veronica Uhlenkamp is a very busy young lady. Ask her about raising ducks and she will share her experiences. Ask her about managing over 100 head of Holstein steers on her family farm and she can tell you all the things that she can do to help with that. Ask her about Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program and you will hear all about horses and how much she looks forward to her riding lesson each week.

Veronica is 15 years old and has been riding with the Mounted Eagles program for over six years. Originally diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) at just 2 years old, Veronica experienced severe pain and swelling of her joints. As she grew older, additional testing led to a new diagnosis of Lyme disease. Participating in the Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program helps to stretch and strengthen Veronica's muscles providing increased support for her joints. Her balance and core muscle strength has also improved. She continues to gain confidence in her riding abilities and is always looking to learn more. She credits her riding instructor and founder of the Mounted Eagles program, Susie Baillif, for her riding accomplishments. Veronica and her mount Rosie, have participated in horse shows and have taken home several ribbons including first place!

Residing in Little Falls with her parents Luci and Chris, two younger brothers Noah and Alex, and younger sister Gracie, Veronica shows her love of animals. For her 4H project this year Veronica raised a calf named Pearl. Pearl was shown by Veronica at the Morrison County Fair and they are now headed to the Northeast Livestock Show. It's not all work though, Veronica loves playing paintball with her older brother Kalven, who is married and living on his own. An avid reader, she loves to read anything that has to do with horses. Veronica's mom Luci is proud her daughter's work ethic;

"Veronica is such a great help around the farm. She jumps right in, whether it's raking hay or a midnight calf feeding, she works hard and does a great job. Veronica has learned a lot about raising steers from her dad Chris and they make a great team."

Veronica plans to follow her passion for animals and to someday have a horse of her own. She knows that dedication and hard work brings great rewards. She is dedicated and works hard each week when riding in the Mounted Eagles arena. Her positive attitude and desire to always learn more will take her very far. There is no doubt that Veronica can accomplish anything she sets out to do.

Veronica, you are a remarkable young woman and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished at Mounted Eagles. Congratulations on receiving Mounted Eagles 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.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Mounted Eagles was the host for the Minnesota Special Olympics Area 5 Equestrian Competition. Mounted Eagles was represented at the competition by eight athletes. The Princeton Rockin Riders had five athletes competing. The show consisted of English and Western events. Halter, equitation and obstacle events were offered. In the halter class, athletes are judged on how they handle their horse on the ground. In the equitation class, the athletes are judged on their ability to control and steer the horse while mounted. The obstacle course is a timed event where mounted riders negotiate a series of obstacles such as barrels, cones and gates throughout the arena.

Dalton Schreier of the Nisswa area Black Bear 4-H Club assisted with the planning of the awards and opening ceremonies. Dalton is in the Youth Leadership project and used his skills to make the event a success. He arranged opening ceremonies provided by Sam Meier and Kelsi Bergquist both of Nisswa and also members of the Black Bear 4-H Club who presented the American flag and the special Olympic torch on horseback. Police Chief of Brainerd, Corky McQuiston, and Police Chief of Baxter Jim Exsted, were on hand to present



awards to the athletes. Newly crowned Miss Brainerd Heather Erickson and Miss Baxter Maren Goff and Miss Baxter Outstanding Teen Savannah Cole were on hand to congratulate athletes. Athlete, Rocky Hart, led the athletes and spectators in the Special Olympic oath.

The event was sponsored by Law Enforcement Torch and local sponsors secured by Dalton Schreier were Nisswa Women of Today, Nisswa Automotive and Dondelinger Chevrolet/Cadillac

This was the first equestrian competition held in Area 5 which includes Cass, Crow Wing, Wadena, Mille Lacs, Morrison and Todd counties. Special Olympics Minnesota and Mounted Eagles hope to make this a yearly event.

Results for Mounted Eagles were as follows:

English Obstacle Division 1

- 1st Megan Lindgren (Staples)
- 2nd Kristi Dahlgren (Onamia)
- 3rd Bergen Hanson (Brainerd)
- 4th Justin Fairbanks (Nisswa)

English Obstacle Division 2

- 1st Eric Lemmer (Brainerd)
- 2nd Lydia Putnam (Breezy Point)
- 3rd Andrew Tabor (Brainerd)
- 4th Rocky Hart (Crosby)

English Equitation

- 1st Rocky Hart
- 2nd Bergen Hanson
- 3rd Lydia Putnam

Welcome New ME Board of Directors Member Melodie Salzl

Mel recently joined the Mounted Eagles Board of Directors. She has been active with Mounted Eagles as a Tuesday barn volunteer since January of 2010. She is also our newsletter editor and enjoys interviewing the Rider of the Quarter recipients. After moving to Ironton from the Twin Cities, Mel was looking for a volunteer opportunity and found the perfect fit with Mounted Eagles. She finds working with the riders to be very rewarding, has always loved horses, and she gets to volunteer with her daughter Samantha, who is also a Tuesday barn volunteer. Mel brings a fresh new look at barn procedures and fundraising activities for our program. We are excited to have her join us!

We would like to thank outgoing Board members Kris Olson and Colleen Langren for their time on the Board. They will continue contributions to the program in many other ways.



Turtle Races

The Nisswa Turtle Race fundraiser ended with our last race on August 15. The summer race schedule went very quickly. Thank you to all of our turtle wranglers! We had several wranglers who were regulars and some great fill ins. It is great to see so many youth interested in helping out with this fundraiser. Special thanks to Aggie Stroot for

being there most every week and putting up with the tourists who sometimes seem to lose their senses when on vacation. A big thank you to Lynn Fairbanks for managing, gathering and caring for 100 turtles throughout the summer. Lynn delivered the turtles to the races each week and helped all the wranglers to make the races successful and fun. She said that caring for so many turtles has been an interesting learning experience. The largest race attracted over 550 racers. The Nisswa Chamber of Commerce has been pleased with our partnership and plan to continue next year.



Turtle Wranglers

Welcome New Volunteers

Herschel T & Bailey G

2012 Calendar of Events

Sept 8	Walk-N-Roll
Oct 5,6 & 7	Hoofin It Trail Ride
Oct 21	Participant Horse Show
Oct-Nov	Cookie & Soup Sales
Oct-Nov	Christmas Cards

Watch www.mountedeagles.org for updated calendar.



Happy Birthday

July			August		September	
Riley V	Shae J	Stephanie K	Karlee S	Katie R	Bethany L	Mary H
Linda A	Debby H	Malissa M	Samantha S	Christine M O	Donna M	Danielle L
Toni W	Holly D	Derek O	Shawna E	Chiane K	Abby Q	Lee R
Linda D	Amanda R	Sam W	Melissa S	Sarah F	Kerynn M	Bud R
Anshel B	Shawn G		Judy M	Wendy N	Keppers S	Missy P
			Jenny A	Vicky S	Kelly W	Faith M
					Sandy S	

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