



The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales



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Walk-N-Roll So they can ride

The 2011 Walk N Roll, So they Can Ride was very successful. Thank you to all the walkers, runners and rollers who stepped up and collected a record breaking number of pledges. Thank you to our sponsors new and old. A combination of pledges, sponsors, silent auction and spaghetti dinner proceeds raised \$15,960.98. Award winners were as follows:

Team With Most Participants

1st place Paine/Koop - 8
2nd place Spirit Horse Center - 6

Team With Most Pledges

1st place - Spirit Horse Center \$1,953
2nd place - Langer Team \$902

Individual With Most Pledges

1st place - Christine Olson \$950
2nd place - Richard Lange \$842

Youth with Most Pledges

1st place Cody Vleck \$200
2nd place Rachel Triplett \$195

Total number of walkers were 52 with \$5,091 in pledges collected, AWESOME!!!

Major sponsors for the Walk were:

T-shirt Sponsors: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Grattan Healthcare, CTC, NorthStar Kigers, Crow Wing Recycling, Garrison VFW Post 1816, Brainerd Lakes Surgery Center and Grand Casino Mille Lacs

Starting Line: Kris & Norman Olson

Pick Up Vehicle: Baxter Lions Club

Finish Line Sponsor: Pequot Lakes Physical Therapy

Entertainment Sponsor: Lakeland Agency

Mile Marker Sponsors: Watt Automotive, Vleck Family, Boelter Family, Landis Gyr+, Mel & Sami Salzl, Boards by Bill, Spirit Horse Center, Gorvin Marketing & PR, Mathias Justin, CPA, Crosby Eye Center, Nisswa Tax Service, John & Jan Moran, Tim Roggenkamp, CPA, Scoot Stroot, AmeriPrise Financial, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Irwin & Colleen Langren, Lakes State Bank, Nisswa Square, Victoria Langer

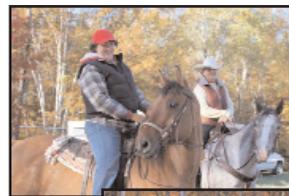
All those who provided silent auction items and in kind donations, your generosity is truly appreciated. Special thank you to those who volunteered many hours of preparation and day of event help, it could not be done without you.

This year's event brought several changes and challenges, including a reversal of the walk route, but everything came together wonderfully and we might just keep it that way for next year. We found that the intimacy of the smaller space at the Nisswa Community Center brought everyone a little bit closer together and even inspired a sing along with the band and numerous Mounted Eagles participants and volunteers, what fun it was to see them together. Thank you again to every one of our sponsors and to all of you who attended the walk, dinner and auction. Looking forward to our 10th year in 2012 with some extra special twists to our largest fundraiser of the year.



Hoofin' it for Mounted Eagles

The 4th annual "Hoofin' It for Mounted Eagles" was the best attended yet! A total of 56 people were involved in making the week-end fun and successful. The trails were sunlit and shining beautifully with the colors of fall and 24 horses and riders took it all in. Those who weren't on horseback enjoyed walking the trails, riding bikes, kayaking on the small private lake or just sitting around the campfire telling stories and playing with the kids. Another 15 volunteers were busy preparing the food for the breakfasts and the Saturday night Shindig. On Saturday night, music was provided by Mark (Bud), Paola Sederquist and Gary Stacken of the Stony Creek Band. Bud and Paola have donated their time to entertain at our Hoofin' It event for the past three years! We are so grateful to them and the crowd is always delightfully entertained by their music. The event netted a total of \$1,270 which will help pay for our program horse care expenses. Thanks go out to Roma of Rice and Chris & Dave Bergin who donated the meats for breakfast and dinner. Also a huge "Thanks Y'all" to the many Mounted Eagles' volunteers, our friends and family members who came to help with the event and/or brought food. Competition was tough that week-end with four other trail rides going on in the immediate area so we are very grateful for our returning supporters and the new ones who attended our event this year!



Mark your calendars for October 6th & 7th, 2012 for our 5th year event! We look forward to seeing all of our friends (and hopefully some new ones too) back in the saddle again!

Rider of the Quarter - Natasha Schreifels



Natasha Schreifels is a cheerful 26 year old young lady who has been riding with Mounted Eagles for three years. She loves horseback riding and finds that it takes a lot of concentration. Riding a horse can also be relaxing when you can feel the horse's walking motion. Natasha arrives for her lesson and says hello to the volunteers. She always seems to have a smile on her face and is excited to ride. When it is time to start her riding lesson, she puts on her riding helmet and goes to the mounting block. Natasha's riding partner is a horse named Wind Dancer. She likes Wind Dancer because he is such a good horse. He can also

be very funny and you just never know what to expect from him. Natasha focuses to make sure she is holding the reins correctly as she steers Wind Dancer around the arena. Once they are warmed up, Natasha loves to move Wind Dancer into a trot. After riding, Natasha helps to untack and groom Wind Dancer. Grooming time is when you can hear laughing as Wind Dancer, up to his old tricks, likes to dump his grooming bucket!

Natasha and Wind Dancer make a very good riding team. In October, Natasha and Wind Dancer competed in the annual Mounted Eagles Participant Horse Show and proved just what a good riding team they are when they took first place in the barrels event! Natasha shares a house in Brainerd with her friends Jessie, Erica and Colleen who are also Mounted Eagles' riders. They all love to host theme parties and one of their favorites was their Hawaiian party. When she is not working, Natasha loves to go swimming, bowling and spending time with her boyfriend. In the summer she really likes to go fishing with her Dad who lives with her Mom in Elk River. Natasha also takes care of her cat who is named Dolly. Recently she learned how to use a loom and is in the process of making herself a hat to help keep warm over the winter. While she readily admits that she doesn't like to cook, she sure does love to eat lasagna. She also likes to read and is currently reading *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks. Natasha, we look forward to seeing your bright smile as you continue to improve your riding skills at Mounted Eagles. Congratulations on being selected as the Mounted Eagles Rider of the 4th Quarter!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



On August 19 three athletes represented the Mounted Eagles Special Olympics Equestrian Team at the State Equestrian Competition that was held in North Branch, MN. The athletes were Alicia Paine, Dan Meyer and Bergen Hanson. Coaches were Susie Bailiff, Becky Clarkin, Kris Olson and Colleen Langren. Sponsors of our Special Olympics Equestrian Team are Spirit Horse Center and Grattan Healthcare. The competition went well for all of our competitors, aside from having some uncooperative horses, everyone came home with ribbons, medals and big smiles!

HOLIDAY COOKBOOK

As part of our 20th Birthday Celebration, we are putting together a second Cookbook with recipes collected from Mounted Eagles program participants, volunteers and their friends and families. The cookbook will reflect a short bio, including a photo, of the rider or volunteer from whom or whose family the recipes came. These photos will be splattered throughout the book. We would love to have at least one recipe from everyone associated with Mounted Eagles.

We want you to share your special 'celebration recipes' with us. Let us know what you enjoy at birthdays, 4th of July, Christmas, Thanksgiving and any of your special celebrations. We will be collecting recipes through March so we can get them to print and have them ready for their debut by Easter. Don't wait, send them now! You may send as many as you wish.

This is a fund raising effort and 100% of the profit will be applied to expenses for program continuation and expansion.

You can pick up recipe forms at the barn or visit our website at www.mountedeagles.org, click on "News", and then click on "SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE", fill out the form and send it from there. If you use the written form, please e-mail to bstroot@tds.net or mail to Aggie Stroot, 6504 59th Ave SW, Motley MN 56466. You may also leave your recipes at the barn.

"Wishing everyone in the Mounted Eagles family a safe and joyous Holiday season and a Happy New Year!"

Mounted Eagles Participant Horse Show

The annual Mounted Eagles Participant Horse Show was held on October 23rd. With a total of 45 riders participating in and their family and friends, it was a wonderful family fun day complete with games, a pot luck and of course the event filled horse show. Congratulations to all of the competitors and their mounts for putting on such an exciting show!



A Big Thank You to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the show a very successful one. A special thanks goes to the "stage crew" Jake Salzl, Jay Lammers and Bill Stroot. As always, we couldn't do it without our loyal Sponsors: Garrison Animal Hospital, Sue Olson, Spirit Horse Center, Hopes Braids and the very special sponsor who started it all 13 years ago -- Wolf Creek Riders 4-H Club. Thank you also goes to Rohlring Beverage, Inc., Pan-O-Gold Bakery, Aitkin Fire Dept and Paulbeck's County Market.



Happy Birthday to Mounted Eagles!



Did you know that Mounted Eagles is 20 years old in 2012? We're planning a YEAR LONG BIRTHDAY PARTY IN 2012! Are you ready to party? Watch for exciting ways to help Mounted Eagles celebrate throughout 2012. There will be things such as a celebration party, special anniversary clothing items, a Holiday Cookbook and more!

Welcome New Rider
Edward Przybylski

2012 Calendar of Events

Jan 8 & 12 2012 Riding Season begins
Jan 21 Brainerd Jaycee's Ice Fish Extravaganza (volunteers needed)
Jan 23 Annual Riders Banquet
Jan 29 Spirit Horse Center Gala
Feb 13 Annual Volunteer Banquet
Feb 13 1st Quarter Volunteer Training (in conjunction with Banquet)

Watch www.mountedeagles.org for updated calendar.



Happy Birthday

October

Cindy R
Erin S
Rebekah H

Jean C
Sandy Z
Tate B

November

Jessica L
Cody V
Sharon L
Kelsey W

Bill S
Erica B
Jessica M
Aggie S

December

Emily G
Alicia P
Kelly O
Victoria L
Debra S

Debra G
Kristi D
Tasha L
Sherry S
Alexa K

Marcia M
Kristae L
Kris O
Patti J
Kathy P

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