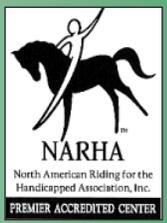




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Another Successful Walk-N-Roll

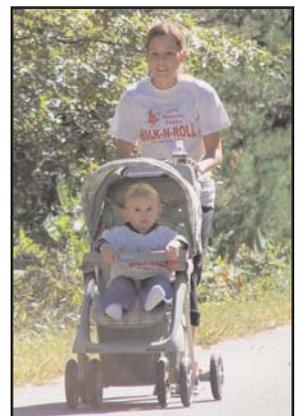


The Mounted Eagles' 4th Annual Walk-N-Roll So They Can Ride fund-raising event was yet another success. The route and time were changed a bit, the weather was beautiful and the 53 participants, event sponsors, Spaghetti Dinner attendees and Silent Auction bidders raised a total \$12,636. One hundred percent of the net profit (\$10,643.55) from this event will go toward the operations and expansion of our services.

Silent Auction items were a hit again this year. Special notice goes to the handmade rug donated by Ralph & Arlean Rosemore. Ralph and Arlean made this rug out of older Mounted Eagles' Walk-N-Roll T-shirts. Arlean says she enjoys making the rugs and enters them in the CWC fair each year and usually gets a blue ribbon for them. She gives credit to Ralph for his help as well. "He cuts and rolls and I crochet them." So save the Walk and Roll t-shirts and send them to Arlean so she can get started on the rugs for next year. Also bits and pieces of left over yarn would be helpful.

Four Winds Horse Center was the winning team with the most participants and the most pledges collected. They had 21 members and collected a combined total of over \$650. Alison Grattan won the award for the adult with most pledges collected and Alicia Paine was second in that category. Sarah Fairbanks was the youth who collected the most pledges and Rachel Triplett was second in that category.

Main Sponsors of the event (those who donated \$200 or more) were T-shirt sponsors: Baxter Lions Club, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Dr. Linda Lewis, Pine Motors, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter 31300, Crow Wing Recycling, Grattan Healthcare, CTC Consolidated Telecommunications; Start & Finish Line Sponsors: Lakeland Agency, Mills Motors, and Pequot Lakes Physical Therapy Services; General Donations: Fletcher Leasing, Inc., Brainerd Kiwanis, Steam Brothers Inc of St Cloud and Kermit & Jenny Sutton. Special thanks to the American Legion in Pequot Lakes for donating the use of their facility for the Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and Awards Ceremony. Many thanks go out to the other businesses and individuals who contributed to the success of this event as well.



Keep those walking, running, in-line skates and bikes in shape for next year's event! Thank you all for your support and participation in this event.



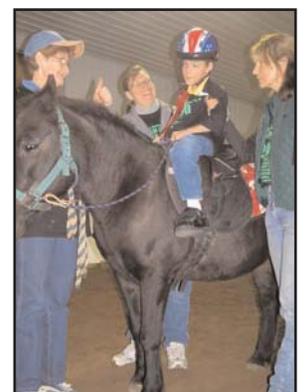
Rider of the Quarter

Anshel Brown was born on July 9, 1993 with Cerebral Palsy and a Seizure Disorder. He was totally blind until he was 5 years old and is still declared legally blind today. He is also a quadriplegic. In 1999, Anshel came to us as a small frail package held in the arms of his mom. His muscles were so tight that his legs would not spread far enough apart to get down on the sides of the small horse, Velvet. As the warmth of Velvet's body began to soften his muscles, his legs would relax and gently slide down her sides to put him in a sitting position. His trunk muscles were so weak that he was unable to sit on the horse without total support. Over the years, with the support of his brothers, mom, dad, a special lady named Tracie, and various therapists and specialists, Anshel has made many accomplishments. Mounted Eagles has remained a constant in his life for the last seven years. He is now able to ride a special bike and walk with a special walker, going far distances on a good day. His ability to use his fingers has increased. His vocabulary has grown from 5-6 words to 30-35 words and he is able to speak entire sentences, some understandable, some not; however, he is able to repeat the sentences word for word when he is quiet and relaxed.

Mounted Eagles is a program for persons with mental, physical, social and emotional challenges. It is a program designed to mount a rider safely on an appropriate horse and couple them with volunteers who are trained to sidewalk and lead the horse. Under the direction of a NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped

Association) Certified Instructor these teams are able to produce increased strength, abilities, self-esteem, dexterity, broadened horizons, length of focus time, teamwork, friendship and laughter - just to mention a few of the accomplishments we see in our riders. On Saturday, September 23, Anshel took part in the 8th Annual Mounted Eagles' Participant Horse Show. At the starting line of an equestrian game class called "Keyhole Race," the instructor said "OK, Anshel, we gotta make up time on this one for you. Do you want to trot?" He clicked "YES" with his tongue and was instructed "OK, then get your head up and sit up tall." He did and with the help of two sidewalkers for support and a leader for his horse, Anshel and Velvet trotted to a 1st Place Finish in the class.

We're proud of you, Anshel, and are thrilled about all of the accomplishments you have made. Congratulations on being selected Mounted Eagles' Rider of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2006.



Anshel on Velvet with sidewalkers, Lynn Fairbanks and Susie Bailiff, NARHA Certified Instructors. Jean Ciesinski is giving a thumbs up. Anshel is wearing a red ribbon won in the Flag Race

Welcome to our new Mounted Eagles Family members

Riders: Tristan B, Katey H, Warren M, Sharon L, and Ronda R

Volunteers:

Donna Bush, Kaitlyn Haynes, Jennifer Holtz, Brian Kohn Colleen Langren, Suzy Pohl, Tracie Price, Kristi Takasaki, Lori Takasaki, Katie Walker, and Gabby Cardle have joined our volunteer staff.

Horses:

Ace, 14 yr-old Arabian, and Angel, 14-yr old quarter horse, joined the family in July. Tanner, our "old man" has been retired to a life of grazing and "babysitting" a 44yr old mare. We have been told that the mare had been very feeble and quiet for several years but when Tanner arrived she began eating better and they continually carry on a viable conversation. The pasture is full of the sounds of their cheerful voices. Aaahh, the life of retirement--can't wait!

We're so happy to have you join our Mounted Eagles family. We're looking forward to meeting your needs through your participation in therapeutic horsemanship lessons.

We are in desperate need of more volunteers; those who can come on a regular basis or serve "on call." We also need volunteers who are willing to work at special events for us, if they are not comfortable working at the barn with the horses and/or riders. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Mary Hammer, Volunteer Director, at 218-839-1274.

Thanks to all of you for all you give. We appreciate you!

Grants Received

We have received grants during CY2006 from the following organizations: American Quarter Horse Assoc.; Minnesota Horse Council; Mille Lacs Electric Cooperation; Brainerd Lakes Area Comm. Foundation; Central MN Initiative Foundation; Brainerd Rotary Club; Corporate Commission of MLB; Garrison VFW; Brainerd Eagles Club; Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza. We extend our sincere appreciation to them for their support of our mission & goals.

Many thanks, as well, to the Individual Donors who have continued to support us. Please remember to include Mounted Eagles in your Donations and/or Advertising Budget for CY2006 & 2007. Thank You! All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



Happy Birthday

July

Toni W	Kate L	Jared D	Kathy K	Hannah J
Michael H	Zac	Nick B	Roger N	Missy F
Anshel B	Kris W	Katie R	Levi R	Wendy N
Sarah G	Melissa M	Jenny A	Rosae W	Howard M

August

September

Amanda W	Carmel J	Jim J	Richard L
Katey H	Mary H	Jordan N	Hannah J
Nathan L	Kelly W	Andrew O	Missy P

Fund Raising Updates

We still have note cards and Mounted Eagles Logo Bottled Water available for sale. We have added some new items to the card selection: Bookmarks & Gift Tags. They're really neat and make great birthday, wedding, or anniversary gifts. Contact Aggie at 888-828-9920 if you wish to purchase cards or treats.

Aluminum Cans

Aluminum cans can be dropped off at CW Recycling and credited to the Mounted Eagles account. All you have to do is tell them you want the deposit to go to Mounted Eagles. If you know of an establishment (restaurant or bar) which would allow us to collect their cans, please speak with them or contact Aggie at 888-828-9920.

Old Cell Phones!

We're still collecting cell phones as a fundraising item. This is an easy fund raising project for us. Save your old cell phones, collect them from your friends and family. Let us know if there's a business near you that would allow us to set up a "drop box" that you could maintain for us. We can send the phones in for refurbishing and they will pay us \$\$'s for them. No chargers, bag phones, cases or earphones please. Give Aggie a call and let her know if you can help out. 888-828-9920

Saying Goodbye is Always Hard

Yet again, we must say goodbye to a very special friend. Barb Kohn who has ridden with us for a number of years traveled to a brighter home on July 23rd. We will always remember Barb and her courageous fight against MS. Most of all we will remember her laugh, her sense of humor, her love for our equine friends and her gift of great conversation. Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Brian and the rest of her family.

We want Your News!

If you know of a Mounted Eagles' participant (rider or volunteer) who has made a notable accomplishment, please contact Aggie at 888-828-9920. We'd love to let everyone know!

To all riders and volunteers:

Don't forget to call if you need to cancel your lesson or your availability for volunteering. A 24-hr notice is greatly appreciated. It's a good idea to always call before coming to the barn to make sure lessons have not been canceled by us for any reason. 1-888-828-9920



Calendar of Events

June 8,9,10	Garage Sale
July 16	Benefit Show Rocking R Farms, Foley MN
Aug 1-5	CWC Fair Booth
Aug 12	Flapjack Breakfast-at Applebees in Baxter
September 9	Walk-N-Roll
Sept 23	Mounted Eagles Horse Show
Date T B A	Motorcycle Run
Oct 1	Christmas Card Sales
Nov 8-12	NARHA Annual Conf
Nov 21	Winter Break Start
Jan 2, 2007	Riding Season begins

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