



The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales



Therapeutic Horsemanship

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*From our Executive Director
Lynn Fairbanks*

*Building on our past
to move us into the future...*

No matter what the reason behind your path crossing with Mounted Eagles, I am hopeful that you have found it to be a worthwhile, rewarding and beneficial experience. We strive to maintain a professional caring relationship with our participants, volunteers, donors and friends. In 2012, we celebrated our 20th year of therapeutic horsemanship in the Brainerd Lakes area. Looking back to our humble beginnings, it amazing to see where we are today. We are reminded often of the many smiles, heartaches, blessings and challenges that we have experienced over the past 20 years.

As we build our future, we look to continue to provide this much needed service for our community. For 2013 we have already implemented some improvements. Some may be visible to our participants and volunteers while others may not be. All changes are to help the program move forward and to make it a better program. One big change that participants and volunteers are seeing is the additional day of riding on Wednesdays. This was done to give horses and volunteers a shorter day on Tuesday. It also provides riders with a more flexible riding schedule. Another improvement that you may not be aware of is our new printer and two new computers that we were able to purchase this year. Our old computers were "dinosaurs" as Susie likes to call them and replacements were very much needed. These items will help us be more efficient with our administrative tasks.

We will continue to focus on ways to improve our program. We welcome input from our participants, volunteers, donors and friends. With that in mind I would like to invite each of you to join the membership of Mounted Eagles by attending our Annual Meeting to be held on April 8th, 2013 at 6 pm at Sawmill Inn, Brainerd. At this meeting you will be able to review financials, be part of the discussions for new and old business and have an opportunity to become a member. Memberships are \$10 per individual and \$25 per family. Come and join us for fellowship and input on the future of your program!

Mounted Eagle's Riders Banquet Photos



Rider of the Quarter - Jenny Waby

The Mounted Eagles program has been underway for over 20 years. One constant in the program has been Jenny Waby who has been a Mounted Eagles program participant for 18 years. Jenny has grown up with the program and has certainly brought many smiles to the barn. Jenny is now 32 years old and still gets very excited when she knows it's time to go to the barn for her riding lesson. Over the years Jenny has developed a close bond with Susie Baillif who founded the Mounted Eagles program. They have spent many hours together and Jenny has had the opportunity to ride many of the program horses. Not only have her equine riding partners helped Jenny, but she has also helped new horses become accustomed to accepting new riders. Today, she rides Wind Dancer during her Tuesday riding lessons. Wind Dancer is a good fit for Jenny since they both share a great sense of humor. Jenny is always laughing at Wind Dancer as he does his silly antics and he seems to know that he is making her happy.

Jenny has been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and is mentally impaired. Riding with Mounted Eagles helps Jenny both physically and mentally. Her walking, posture and overall balance has improved as well as her comprehension of what is expected from her during each lesson. She works to sit up straight in the saddle, look to where she wants to go, and give Wind Dancer the right signals to get him to go where she wants him to. Jenny loves to ride and knows that she has to follow the directions from her riding coach. She listens intently and concentrates to complete her instructions. Usually she is successful, but sometimes Wind Dancer has other ideas and Jenny ends up laughing hysterically and then they have to start all over again.

Jenny resides in Little Falls with her mother Jeanine. Jenny spends a lot of time socializing with the patrons of her mother's establishment called "JC's Nut Hut." Jenny especially likes dancing to the music offered by various

bands that play there. Jenny also likes to spend time with her dad Chuck Waby who lives in Crosby. Her sister Amy lives in Brainerd. Also in Crosby are Jenny's grandparents, Dick and Stell Waby. When visiting her grandparents, Jenny loves to help her grandmother in the garden. Jenny also loves to play with her dogs Sam and Sadie and take them for walks. Any opportunity to be outside and Jenny will take it, especially if it includes a trip to the local Dairy Queen. Jenny loves to go swimming and 4-wheeling. If she can't get outside, you may find her playing Wii or computer games on her laptop.

After a recent lesson where Jenny and Wind Dancer had worked very hard, Jenny took some time to thank Wind Dancer. Once dismounted, Jenny moved in close to Wind Dancer and began rubbing his neck. He stood very still and seemed to melt into her touch. At that moment it seemed that Jenny and Wind Dancer were the only ones in the barn. They have a connection that gives each of them what they need from one another. That is what the Mounted Eagles program is all about.

Jenny, it has been our pleasure to have you in the Mounted Eagles family for so many years. We are so proud of your accomplishments.

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.

A Night with the Stars

**A Fundraising Event for
Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship**

Saturday, April 27th 6-9 pm

Cragun's Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake

Live Music ~ Hors d'oeuvres ~ Raffles ~ Silent Auction ~ Cash Bar

Have your photo taken with some surprise guests!

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For info call 651-283-7911

Please join us in supporting the ME program by attending the fun filled "A Night With the Stars" event. Enjoy some wonderful food as you listen to live music by "Daybreak.. Browse the silent auction tables and get set for the speed raffles. You can also stop by for a photo op with a special guest! Get your tickets now - all tickets purchased prior to the event will be eligible for a special raffle. Tickets are available at the barn or call Melodie Salzl at 651-283-7911.



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Holiday Celebration Cookbook

Looking for a great Mother's Day gift? 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.

2013 Calendar of Events

March 29	Cookie Sale Ends
April 8	Annual Meeting
April 13	Cookie Order Pick-Up
April 27	A Night With the Stars Fundraiser
July 13	Kayak Race
July 20	Special Olympics Show
July 29	Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
September 7	Walk N Roll
October 5,6,7	Hoofin It Trail Ride

Watch www.mountedeagles.org for updated calendar.

Welcome New Riders

Caia F & Samuel H

Welcome New Volunteers

Sheri L & Becky E

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