



# The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales



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## Walk-N-Roll So they can ride

Saturday  
September 10  
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bring your family and friends and join in on the biggest Mounted Eagles fund raising event of the year! The Walk n Roll is a six mile walk/run starting in Pequot Lakes and finishing at the Nisswa Community Center. Please note that this is the reverse route that we have followed in previous years. Anyone can participate by walking, running, biking or wheeling. It's a fun day and a great way to help raise funds for the ME program. Registration is at 2 p.m., with the walk/run starting at 3 p.m. Form your teams now and collect your pledges! Decorate a hat, decorate your bike, you may win a prize!

A delicious spaghetti dinner will be served at the Nisswa Community Center from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Silent Auction, live entertainment and more! Tickets are available for presale and can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event: Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$5, children 5 years and younger are free.

Do you know someone who may be interested in being a sponsor for the Walk n Roll? Would your company become a sponsor or make a donation? How about the businesses that you frequent? We are in need of T-Shirt and Mile Marker sponsors as well as items for the silent auction. All donations are tax deductible. Let's make this the biggest and best walk/run ever! Please email Lynn Fairbanks for more information: [lynnfairbanks1@gmail.com](mailto:lynnfairbanks1@gmail.com).

### We Need Your Help!

Over the past 19 years, Mounted Eagles has provided equine assisted therapies to hundreds of participants and involved hundreds of volunteers to carry out this wonderful work. Throughout the years there have been times of hardship, just as in any non-profit organization. However, we have always managed through these difficult times to be able to continue our mission. At the present time Mounted Eagles is in a very difficult position financially. Grants, sponsorships, donations, etc. have all been declining over the last few years. We are now realizing the full impact of these declining funds. We need your help now more than ever.

Here are some ways that you, your families or businesses can help. Any amount will be appreciated.

**Ridership Fund** - Allows participation for those who do not have the ability to pay for lessons. One year ridership is \$760.

**Adopt a Program Horse** - One year of boarding costs \$2,580. Vet and farrier bills for a for one horse for a year is \$500.

These are only a few suggestions. We also have several fundraisers. Please help us by participating in these events and publicizing them to friends, co-workers and relatives. Your support will be appreciated by all. Thank you.

## Hoofin' it for Mounted Eagles

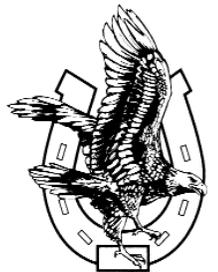
### 4th Annual Benefit Trail Ride

Saturday & Sunday ♦ October 1 & 2, 2011

Dinner Saturday Night with Camp Fire and Live Entertainment  
Public is invited for Dinner and Entertainment on Saturday

Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery with a weekend of trail riding and camping on private acreage. It's the annual Hoofin' It Trail Ride to support the expansion and continuation of services provided by the Mounted Eagles program. There will be three separate scenic trail rides with a campfire dinner and live music on Saturday night. Don't have a horse? Bring your tent or camper and spend the weekend! Or come for the dinner and music on Saturday night.

Call or e-mail for information or register online.  
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Bill, Susie & Aggie

## Rider of the Quarter - Charles Koenig



Meet Charles Koenig. He is a charming 15-year-old young man who is an active participant in Mounted Eagles. Charles resides in Little Falls and has been coming to Mounted Eagles each Tuesday for about three years.

Charles has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD, as it is commonly referred to. He has found that being around the horses at Mounted Eagles really calms him and helps him to keep focus

on the task at hand. Charles not only rides horses, he also practices the art of long-lining or long reining as it is sometimes called. Long-lining requires the horse handler to walk behind the horse and drive them without the use of a cart or buggy. It takes great patience, concentration and steady hands to properly signal the horse to go where you want them to go. Charles says that he prefers to long-line a horse because it allows him "to really see what the horse is doing." He then "reads" the horse and adjusts his hands and body to signal the horse to do what he is requesting of the horse. This summer Charles has been training Comet who is one of the newest horses in the Mounted Eagles program.

Charles considers himself to be a typical teenager who enjoys watching science fiction movies and playing computer games "like any self-respecting teen." Most recently, the Stargate Atlantis TV series has

been in his DVD player. An avid reader, Charles reads lots of science fiction and also enjoys books on tape. He does excellent in school, especially in math and science, and is planning on an engineering career after he completes high school. For now though, he is focusing on keeping his mother calm while practicing his car driving skills.

Charles is also a gifted singer and was asked to join a men's quartet. Unfortunately, it conflicted with his time at Mounted Eagles so he had to turn down the offer. But he does continue to sing as part of the men's choir at his church. You can also find Charles at his "Gramp's" house riding mini bikes or out fishing for sunnies. Not only does Charles enjoy working with horses, he is often found playing with the barn cats at Mounted Eagles while waiting for his lesson to begin. At home, he is busy training his chocolate lab named "Hutch." Charles is working on calming techniques with Hutch and hopes that giving his dog a bath will become less challenging.



Charles, you are a remarkable young man and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished at Mounted Eagles. Congratulations on receiving Mounted Eagles Rider of the Quarter!

# Meet Our New Program Horses



**Cami** is a pretty Appaloosa mare with a sweet personality. She is sorrel colored with a snowflake pattern over entire body, or as some of the riders say "she has lots of freckles." Cami went through her probationary training period and began transporting her precious cargo in January. She is enjoying her new job and all of her new friends. Cami was purchased from Jim and Connie Madison from Pequot Lakes. Jim and Connie are great supporters of our program.

**Comet** is a black and white Quarter Horse/Shetland Pony Cross and joined our equine family in May of 2011. He was born in 2004 and is a bit on the smaller side so he will get the great job of carrying our smaller riders. What fun for him! Comet belongs to Jim and Connie Madison of Pequot Lakes and they are leasing him to the Mounted Eagles program.



## Thank You and a Fond Farewell

Sadly we had to say good-bye to two of our equine friends and riding partners, **Velvet** and **Earl**. Velvet, a beautiful black Shetland pony, became a member of the Mounted Eagles in 2001. We will miss her "furry velvet body" and quick little legs carrying our smallest riders. Earl, a Belgian cross was our "gentle giant." He loved his treats and with his size was able to carry our larger riders. Velvet and Earl have earned a well deserved retirement from the ME program. They both went to great new homes where they will be cared for with great love for the rest of their lives. They served us well and we will miss them both.



### Great Grazin'

*"We Love Our Program, You'll Love Our Food"*

The Mounted Eagles Great Grazin' cookbook is now available for purchase through the ME website store ([www.mountedeagles.org](http://www.mountedeagles.org)). Did you get your copy yet? If you love fantastic recipes and wonderful pictures and information about the contributors, this is

the cookbook for you! Makes a great gift too! Every purchase helps to support our program. Congratulations to Penny Koehler for submitting the winning name for the cookbook!

### 2011 Calendar of Events

- Sep. 10 Walk N Roll So They Can Ride
- Oct. 1-2 Hoofin It for Mounted Eagles
- Oct. 13 Volunteer Training
- TBD Participant Horse Show

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

# Mounted Eagles Benefit Dressage Schooling Show at Spirit Horse Center

On Saturday June 18, the annual Mounted Eagles Dressage Schooling Show was hosted by Spirit Horse Center. The proceeds from the show went to support the Mounted Eagles program. The show was a great success in so many ways. We had 21 riders that rode in the show, ranging in age from 10 to 73! There was also a Mounted Eagles rider, Veronica Uhlenkamp, who competed and did great! All the riders came prepared to show the best of their riding skills and their partnership with their horses. We started the show around at 8 am and the last rider was in the arena around 4pm.



Veronica and Rosie practicing for the show!

The weather could have been nicer, a little wet but not a downpour. We had a wonderful concessions tent that provided warm coffee in the morning to a wonderful choice of hot dogs and burgers with all the fixings at lunch. The Mounted Eagles Great Grazin' cookbook was for sale and there were many that went home with riders, spectators and volunteers at the end of the day.

A very special THANK YOU goes out to all the Mounted Eagles volunteers that helped with registration, parking, arena monitoring, scoring, assisting the judge, schedule monitoring, concessions and barn monitoring. You were all so helpful and friendly. Our judge this year, Jim Hatch, is a big supporter of therapeutic riding and generously provided his skills as a judge for a special rate to the show. Anyone that rode in the show can tell you he is a judge that provides very helpful and honest feedback.

The Spirit Horse Center staff were also there and supporting the benefit in every way possible. We could not do it without them. They all donated their time that day to prepare the facility for all the visitors and spectators and were a great resource to our volunteers throughout the day. If you missed the show this year, make plans to be there next year. We would love to see you!

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## Happy Birthday

### July

Riley V	Shae J	Stephanie K
Linda A	Debby H	Malissa M
Toni W	Holly D	Derek O
Linda D	Amanda R	Sam W
Anshel B	Shawn G	

### August

Karlee S	Katie R
Samantha S	Chiane K
Melissa S	Sarah F
Judy M	Wendy N
Jenny A	Vicky S

### September

Bethany L	Mary H
Donna M	Danielle L
Abby Q	Lee R
Keppers S	Bud R
Kelly W	Missy P
Sandy S	Faith M

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