

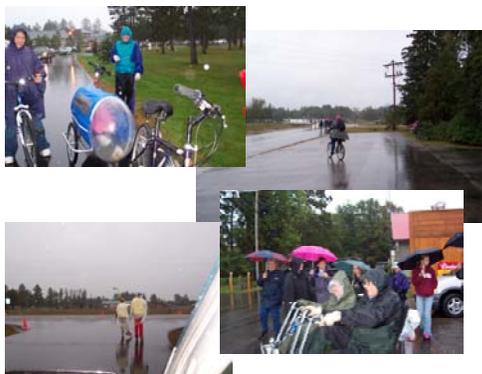
# The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales

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## Walk-N-Roll 2005 Event raised \$14,503.02

The **Mounted Eagles'** Walk-N-Roll So They Can Ride fund-raising event was not dampened by rainy weather Sept. 24 as participants braved the rain carrying umbrellas and wearing ponchos, some made from trash bags, to walk, bike or inline skate along the five- and 12-mile route along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway. \$14,503.02 was raised at the event, which supports your therapeutic horsemanship program. One hundred percent of the net profit (\$12,270.03) from this event will go toward the operations & expansion of our services.

The third annual Walk-N-Roll event had 57 participants. Main Sponsors of the event were Baxter Lions Club, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Dr. Linda Lewis, Pine Motors, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter 31300, TDS Telecom, Grattan Healthcare, CTC Consolidated Telecommunications, Lakeland Agency and Pequot Lakes Physical Therapy Services. Many thanks go out to the other businesses and individuals who contributed to the success of this event.



The winning team w/ most participants for the third consecutive year, Simple Changes, receives their award from "Paul Bunyan", guest celebrity.

## Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> "Rider of the Quarter"

One day in 1996 a young woman with an uneven gait stormed into the clubroom of the Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship Program and stated emphatically "I WANT TO RUN". So..... we helped her mount her horse from a mounting block in the arena. She sat with fair balance as the horse moved along at a walk using a leader for the horse and sidewalkers on each side for her safety. One of her arms is carried higher and tighter with some impairment in her grip as a result of a Traumatic Brain Injury she suffered when she was very young. As time progressed she went from needing a leader and a sidewalker to walking her horse independently and, with a very patient mount, directing him in more specific moves. She began slowly to realize where she was in relation to other riders in the arena. Soon she was doing movements synchronized with another rider beside her and judging distances and thinking ahead. Today she is trotting independently with someone jogging beside her just to correct her balance if needed. She is still continually wanting to go faster and now she wants to "JUMP"! Her dedication to the program extends to the public when she actively solicits sponsors and pledges for our fundraising activities. She is the first program participant to independently secure a corporate sponsor for our annual Walk-N-Roll fundraising event. She and her family actively participate in events and are strong advocates for therapeutic riding. She is a lady sure of herself and with dreams of her own. Congratulations, Alicia, on your many achievements!



Alicia Paine poses proudly with "Bill" and the Blue Ribbons they recently won at the ME Annual Participant Horse Show

A "Rider of the Quarter" will be featured in the Brainerd Dispatch and the Mane Tales each quarter. Watch to see whose next!

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Show was bigger and better than ever this year.

Over 175 spectators gathered at Clare B Training Center on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> to watch the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mounted Eagles' Participant Horse Show. Over 35 participants in the program displayed their talents in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Key Hole, and Pleasure classes. There was a fun costume class as well. Each rider chose 3 classes to participate in and each "4 person heat" was judged 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place. Lots of ribbons and smiles were on display at the end of each class. "Thank You" to the Wolf Creek 4-H Club, Clare B Training Center, Garrison Animal Hospital, and The Brass Emblem for sponsoring the show.



These are just a few of the great snapshots we got at the show! I wish we had room to show them all!



## \$ New Fund Raising Ideas \$

Our note cards and horse treats will be available for sale throughout the "off season". Contact Aggie at 888.828.9920 if you wish to purchase cards or treats. She'll get them to you. Horse treats can be purchased at the barn as well.

Thanks for your support in purchasing the Christmas Photos and cards.

## Save your old Cell Phones!



We have discovered that we can turn old cell phones into \$\$\$'s. This will be an easy fund raising project for your program. Save your old cell phones, collect them from your friends & 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 from \$3 - \$50 per phone depending on the style. Give Aggie a call and let her know if you can help out. 1-888-828-9920

## Why are we "Horsing Up" (vs "Beefing Up") our Fund Raising efforts?

Because we want to grow our program so more can benefit from the services we offer to the very special people in our communities. Have you considered budgeting for an annual donation to the Mounted Eagles? What a great way to leave a legacy! There are many ways to donate, adopt a pony/horse for your child, sponsor a pony/horse for a year, sponsor a rider for a year (riderships), or an annual amount you set aside each year for our support. As we move forward with plans to grow our services we will need your financial support when possible in addition to your moral support. Watch for a mailing in the very near future that will explain all of these options and more in detail about how you can help your program grow. All deductions are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

## A Note from Susie:

Hi everyone. We have just finished our 2005 riding season and you riders have done an amazing job of progressing. You all learn so well and do such a good job of following the directions of your instructors. You can be confident in the abilities and the skills you have acquired and can go forth every day in the confidence of those new skills and knowledge. They will be in all you do. We will be seeing you at the Riders' Banquet in early 2006 where you will be able to celebrate your accomplishments together with each other, your families, and friends and with us! We wish you the very safest, warmest happiest and fun holiday season ahead and will be looking forward to seeing you at the banquet and in the spring for the 2006-riding season. Happy Trails! Love, Susie

## Our Helping Hands – We wouldn't make it without you.



Many thanks to our volunteers who have showed up faithfully each week to make the Mounted Eagles riding lessons happen. Without you, we couldn't do it. We know that you sacrifice a lot to be with us and we appreciate you very much. We're looking forward to staying in touch through the "off season" months and keeping some training opportunities available for you during that time. We hope you all come back for the 2006 season. (and bring a friend or two!)

## To all riders and volunteers:



We'll be available to answer any questions you might have or if you just want to stay in touch during the "off riding season" so don't hesitate to call us at 1-888-828-9920

## Happy Birthday to:

**Oct.** Jean C., Joan S., Sandy Z., Linda H

**Nov.** Angie D., Kelsey W., Cody V., Aggie S., Kelsey T., Rose V.

**Dec.** Alicia P., Sherri S., Larry H., Meghan K.

## Horse News!

We've been very blessed with our equine family members and love each one of them dearly. Without them there would be no Mounted Eagles and no secret friends for you riders to confide in. Pepper, Tanner, Jazzmin, Velvet, Wind Dancer & Bill are looking forward to a few months rest and relaxation. But they'll be anxious when Spring rolls around to see all of their friends and start the 2006 riding season. Always remember our horses in your prayers that they may stay healthy, happy and safe in carrying our riders with" wings as eagles".

## Calendar of Events:

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – Barn/Tack Clean-Up  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wreaths Delivered  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in the PM -Volunteer Training

## Looking Toward the Future

HOP Update: We're starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the HOP program and lots of changes in our organization have taken place as a result of what we have learned. We're excited about this year and we hope to see positive results from what we are doing. These results will enable us to provide better services to you and your families.

**Do you have a need for** a used McClaren Stroller and/or a Child's Walker? They are both in good condition – the stroller is good for up to 150lbs. If interested, call Lynn Fairbanks at 218-963-3936 or email at [mrlafairbanks@msn.com](mailto:mrlafairbanks@msn.com)

## We want Your News!

If you know of a Mounted Eagles' participant who has made a notable accomplishment, please contact me. We'd love to let everyone know!

**E-Mail or Snail Mail???? You now have a choice.** If you would like to receive your issue of Mane Tales via e-mail please let me know by e-mailing me at [bstroot@tds.net](mailto:bstroot@tds.net)

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Merry Christmas! &  
Happy New Year!**

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