

Health Directed Riding, Inc.

“Where Rehab Reins”

August 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 11, 2007, Challenged Rider Classes @ Pine City Pleasure Horse Show, 8:00 am 320-629-3734

Saturday, August 18, 2007, Challenged Rider Classes @ Braham Pleasure Horse Show 763-689-5335

Sunday, August 19th, 2007, Challenged Rider Classes @ Braham Game Show 763-689-5335

Sunday, September 2, 2007, Pro Rodeo at Heidelberger Farm Equipment & Horse Sales, Pine City 6:00 p.m. 320-629-1122

Saturday, September 8, 2007, Ride-A-Thon @ Wild River State Park 9:30 am.

Saturday, September 8, 2007, Braham Fest & North Country Hillbilly's Car Show. Events begin at noon.

Saturday, October 6, 2007, Fall Fest with a potluck at noon and barrel racing to follow. Raffle drawing at 1:00 pm.

RIDING IS IN FULL SWING

The spring riding session is over and the summer session started July 9th. There were 17 riders already this year so everyone was kept hopping! The fall session starts on September 10. Riding is on Monday's from 1:00 pm thru 8:00 pm. Tuesday's riding is from 6:00 pm thru 8:00 pm

Volunteers are always needed for side walking and leading so if you are able to help out a day or two a week, call Rhonda at 612-247-9582 or check out our web site at www.healthdirectedriding.org.



HIGH TECH NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletters via e-mail please send your request and e-mail address to:

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RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

Raffle tickets are now available for purchase or for you to sell. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007. This year there will be a work of art by a local artist, valued at \$300.00, two halves of a hog, with processing donated by the Braham Food Locker Service, valued at \$175.00 each, and a portable DVD player with case, valued at \$75.00.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to volunteer and be involved. A prize will be awarded to the person who sells the most tickets. Tickets are available to pick up at Pinesong Farm in Grandy or call 612-247-9582

RIDE-A-THON

The 10th Annual Health Directed Riding Walk/Roll and Ride-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, September 8th, at Wild River State Park. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with departure time at approx. 10:30-11:00 a.m. Lunch and door prizes will follow the Ride/Walk. Pre-registration fee, before September 1, is \$5.00; at the door registration fee is \$10.00. Collect pledges and get a chance to win extra prizes. A bonus drawing for a portable DVD player, with case, will also be held. Collect \$150.00 in pledges and you are automatically entered, then for every \$100.00 collected you get additional chances. Example \$450.00 = 4 chances.

The State of Minnesota requires all riders to purchase and display a trail pass at all times. They can be purchased at any center where hunting and fishing licenses may be purchased. The cost of a 1 year trail pass is \$21.00 and a day pass can be purchased at the State Park for a cost of \$5.00.

BRAHAM FEST

If you can't make it to the Ride-A-Thon on Saturday, September 8th, you might want to check out another event in our local area.

Braham Covenant Church will be hosting its 6th annual Braham Fest from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. This event originated with the idea of providing the youth of East Central Minnesota with an enjoyable evening of contemporary Christian rock music in a positive healthy environment that is close to home. Six bands are scheduled to perform. There is no charge to attend the music festival, t-shirts concessions, and nice give-away prizes will be available.

This day will also include the 2nd annual Gospel Fest and Classic Car Show. The Gospel Fest will feature local bluegrass and gospel groups from noon - 2:30 p.m. The North Country Hillbillys, which is a Christian oriented car club, will be sponsoring the car show, which will run simultaneously with the music. A variety of classic vehicles and their owners will be present. A Muffler Rap contest will be held at approximately 3:00 p.m. North Country Hillbillys merchandise will be for sale with all profits donated to Braham Fest.

Please join us for a family geared day of fun. Please call Pastor Steve Jennisch at (320)396-2334 if you have any further questions.

GIRL TALK

By Sadie Werlein

Hey, Everyone! I have been helping Pat work with Beauty and Keebler, Health Directed Riding's therapy horses, to see what kind of training they have had prior to coming here. These two girls are key horses to our program and we need to get them accustomed to the many new things they will encounter here.

This spring we started with Keebler's first real training session. She did quite well. She had to get used to rings on her head and all the other toys we use. That did not bother her, so then we gave her our "Ball Test". She passed with flying colors; not everyone appreciates playing ball with the kids! She is a great addition to our four legged staff here at Pinesong Farm.

Beauty has been here for a year and has been worked with quite a bit more than Keebler has but, none the less, she needs some more work. She is learning quickly but has not passed the "Ball Test" yet, but is getting closer. Both Pat and myself believe she is worth the time and effort we are putting into her.



Fall is just around the corner and with that comes United Way's big campaign. Health Directed Riding is a United way organization and we benefit from them. You can check with your employer to see if they are participating in the fund campaign. If you are interested check out www.unitedway.org



First Annual sanctioned Pro Rodeo will be held at Heidelberger Farm Equipment & Horse Sales, Sunday September 2. The Grand Entry will start at 6:00 p.m. The events of the evening include Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing, Team Roping, Calf Scramble for children ages 6-10 and Bull Riding. There will a Rodeo Dance to follow. Heidelberger Horse Sales is located 3 miles west of Interstate 35 on Highway 70. It is going to be a great night of fun and excitement. Hope to see you there! Check out www.heidelbergerllc.com for more information.



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FUN IN THE RAIN

May 5th turned out to be a wet day for the Spring Celebration but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Wonderful people showed up- some got a little wet- while the barn was cleaned, wheel chair ramp was fixed and good progress was made on the new arena fence. The day ended with a picnic in the barn.

GOT THE SHOW BUG?

Western Saddle Club Association (WSCA) allows you to lead your child, age 17 and under, at any game show. Go to www.wsca.org and go to ON DECK on the top of the page for a list of all the upcoming shows

If you see "GRANDPA'S DOGHOUSE" around, stop in and enjoy some AWESOME food! Chicago Hotdogs, gyros, Italian beef and

more. They have been seen at the Forest Lake Flea Market and Pat is hot on their trail looking for another Chicago dog!