



June 2025 NEWSLETTER



See you in September for our next General Meeting!

FEATURED POSSE MEMBER – MINDY SIVRIGHT

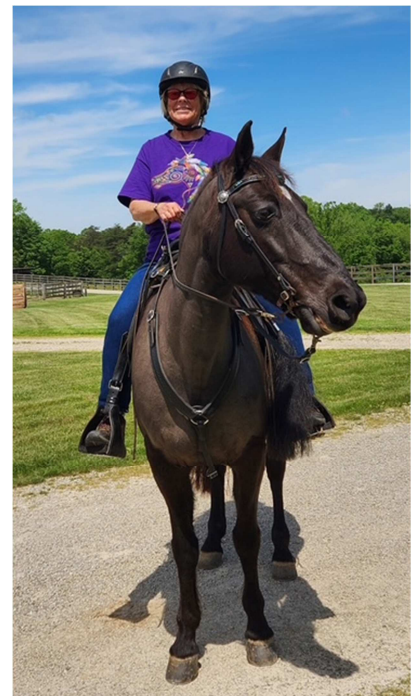
My father loved animals very much. He would come home with baby ducks in his pockets, kittens and puppies much to my mother's disbelief raising 4 children before I was born. My father loved horses and always wanted a child that loved horses also. When I was born, my parents decorated my room with circus wall paper. Of course, there was a Merry-Go-Round horse on it and when I could stand in my crib, I would point to only the horses!! My father was so happy!! Finally, he had a child who also loved horses!!!

When I was 5, he put me on an ancient pony named Strawberry; this was at Coach House Stables in Northbrook, Illinois. I sat on her singing to her while she ate grass. My father sat in a chair and watched. He told me I would sit there on her back for hours. His mother, my Swedish Grandmother, would take me to Kiddie Park in Skokie, Illinois and they had pony rides there. The ponies self-walked a track around the park, come back and line up again. I drove her crazy because it was the only ride, I would do. I was 5 yrs. old.

As I grew up, I took lessons, and started hacking and jumping horses. At 10 years old I was jumping 4 to 5 feet and loving it. I would travel to New York, Florida and Chicago to show them. I loved to fly over fences. My mother's father and mother had a dairy and egg farm in Richmond Illinois on Pioneer Rd. My mother was very busy with all of us and the animals at our Wilmette home. And not much time for all of us. It was different then, not a lot for kids to do like there is now. And my Grandparents would let me come to the farm and "help". My "Boppa" would send me across Hwy 31 to bring home the large Holstein ladies for milking. I would walk until I found them and send them back across the dirt road (31) to the milking Parlor. He owned all the property that we all know now as Glacier Park. When he passed, he left the farm to my mother and she donated it to the McHenry Conservation Dept. her stipulation was it must have horse trails so all the horse owners could enjoy it also.

My Grandfathers best friend was the dairy farmer who owned Lakewood Forest Preserve. A couple if times a week we would go down and help him with his Guernsey Cows and I got to walk all over that park to bring in the ladies for milking. I loved that big white barn there. How lucky that we have both these beautiful places to ride our horses.

I learned about the Posse in 2004 from Roy Westergard when I moved to Double W Stables. I didn't have a trailer then, but he took me as his guest when he could. Roy sponsored me to join the Posse in 2006. I had to quit the Posse because to financial reasons but rejoined in 2011.



Since joining the Posse I have served as a Vice President when Kelly Dickson was president and then when Vickie Wancho became President, she asked me to join the board as Secretary. I did that for many years. Now I continue on the board as a Member At Large.

I loved riding my crazy hyper Morgan "Cowboy" in the play days, and now I love helping with the horse show. I love meeting all the people who come there and helping where I'm needed. My husband, Scott loves to help Mike Mahan cook at the show. I also love helping and riding in the parades, they are so fun. Scott helps with the parades as a pooper scooper, lunch picker upper and cook.

Something I wish I'd done: when I was showing jumpers and Hunter Hack, there was no such thing as cross county courses and when that came on the scene it looked so fun!! I always wanted to do that. But I have had such a good life and have met my best friends because of the Posse. I love to go camping with my horse and ride the trails. I've ridden in South Dakota to Mt. Rushmore with these Posse friends and camped all over the South, Midwest and Northern states. I love meeting new members and riding the monthly trail rides and talking horses over lunch. I love the General Meetings and learning new information.

Mindy

Submitted by Mindy Sivright



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR [MONTH]

- 6/14 **Libertyville Parade** – Meet at 9:00 AM at Highland Middle School Parking lot, on W Lincoln Ave. (between Garfield and Stewart). Parade begins at 10 AM. We must leave our staging by 9:30 AM. Set up area will be on W. Lincoln Ave parking lot, which is on the north side of Highland Middle School. We will have a snacks and refreshments after the parade. Posse uniform is required for all mounted riders. Side walkers and ground crew should wear red posse shirts. **WALKERS AND POOPER SCOOPERS NEEDED.**
- 6/18 **Trail Ride** – Glacier Park hosted by K Moon, M Povich, D Rieter, D Robertson – Rain or hopefully shine!! IF trails in conservancy are closed, we can still ride the rail line and the service road. Arrive at 10:00 AM. Ride out at 10:30 and Lunch after ride. Use Hart Road parking lot – **NOT KEYSTONE LOT**. Lunch is sandwiches and side salads. Bring your own travel cup. Iced tea an lemonade will be available. There is an outhouse and shelter. Call Kim (224 538 0336) if you have any questions (or any host). Bring a lawn chair just in case.
- 6/25 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Michael Mahan and he will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let him know what you would like to discuss with the board.
- 6/29 **Cowboy Mountain Orienteering** (not a horse event) – CMO Orienteering Event at Blue Moon Ranch on June 29th at 1PM. Lunch will be provided. You'll receive instructions from Coach Debra and learn to use a compass for orienteering. What we learn on foot will transition to our mounted event in August. Please reminder to bring a compass for the event, and a lawn chair and bug repellent. Host is Kim Moon.
- 7/4 **Antioch Parade** – additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 7/6 **Mundelein Parade** – additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 7/13 **Bristol Parade** – additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 7/19 **LCMP Horse Show** – additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 7/23 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Debi Neuman and he will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let him know what you would like to discuss with the board.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

| Date | Activity | Contact |
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| Sunday, Aug 3 rd | Trail Ride - Cherry Valley | Jenis Ellingwood & Sheri Roberson |
| Saturday, Aug 9 th | Associates Play Day – Spring Grove | Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi |

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| Saturday, Aug 16 th | Parade – Grayslake | Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright |
| Sunday, Aug 17 th | Equine Orienteering - Brookdale | Kim Moon |
| Sunday, Aug 23 rd | AP Ranch Clinic | Sheri Roberson - Do not contact AP Ranch |
| Saturday, Sep 13 th | Trail Ride – Bong | The Yanuzzi's |
| Sunday, Oct 5 th | Fall Ride – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E | The Posse |
| Saturday, Oct 18 th | Bonfire and Dutch Oven Cooking | TBD |
| Sunday, Oct 19 th | Barrington Riding Center | Pam Ziedman |
| Saturday, Oct 25 th | Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes | Friels and Debi Neuman |
| Sunday, Nov 2 nd | Trail Ride Place Holder | Vickie Wancho |
| Saturday, Dec 6 th | Christmas Party | |

WE NEED HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

Our Horse show will be here faster than you think! The success of our show is based on the participants and volunteers but the biggest impact to the bottom line is the number of sponsors we can get. Let's have everyone commit to getting a sponsor or two for the show. Ask for support from your farrier, vet, farm store, feed store, equine dentist, trainer, the place that services your truck or tractor, the shavings vendor, the doctor of chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall, the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

The first large dollar sponsors will be able to have their names on the show bill sponsoring the high points and the payback classes. There are a limited number of classes so get the \$\$ in early if they want that extra perk. Everyone that sponsors will be announced throughout the day, their names will be displayed on our sponsor boards for everyone to see, and we would love business cards or brochures to put out on the registration table.

DRESS CODE FOR POSSE PARADES

Here is the information as contained in the Standing Rules and Procedures and additional notes regarding the Posse official dress uniform, especially for those participating in parades this year.

Official Posse uniform shall be a white western long sleeve shirt with the Posse patch on the Left Shoulder (patch should be 2" centered below the shoulder seam); a black Apache type tie, a western hat (summer- light tan or white straw; fall- black felt); blue jeans* and western boots*. It is permitted for parade unit members to wear a white or light tan Helmet; for fall a black cover on helmet can be worn; a yellow slicker tied neatly to the back of the saddle

*Jeans worn by parade members should be a dark blue - not black – and no holes or torn jeans are acceptable. Boots should be clean and absent of mud and dirt; a clean pair of Ariat boots are acceptable to ride in.

Parade members wear white straw hats for our parades – please be sure the hat isn't stained or look like someone sat on them. A parade member may also wear a red Posse Jacket, if weather is cool – no other color jacket is considered official Posse wear.

Posse dress shirts should be ironed and/or free of wrinkles (Attached is suggested places to purchase a western shirt – ladies or men's). It has been suggested that the Posse arm patch be sewed on to the dress western shirt and not put on with safety pins. The local laundry may provide this at a small additional cost.

Red saddle pads, breast collars, red leg wraps, yellow rain slickers, and red or black halters for the walkers to carry or new horses to the unit to wear... are provided and maintained by the Posse. We, therefore, ask that you treat these items with care; they are costly to replace, and many hours are spent washing and wrapping the polo wraps.

On this note, please have your horse's legs cleaned as stains caused by dirt and mud is very hard to get out of the polo wraps. we will only be wrapping the front legs of the horses.

Those members who volunteer as ground crew are asked to wear a red Posse t-shirt or red Posse polo shirt, blue jeans and comfortable walking shoes.

Please note: *Only Posse members and those covered by the Posse membership are permitted to participate in any parade, i.e. no grandchildren, no nieces etc. no friends. Don't ask. However, they may join us after for refreshments and snacks. Please watch your horses, if strangers do come and want to pet your horse but please do not give "pony rides".*

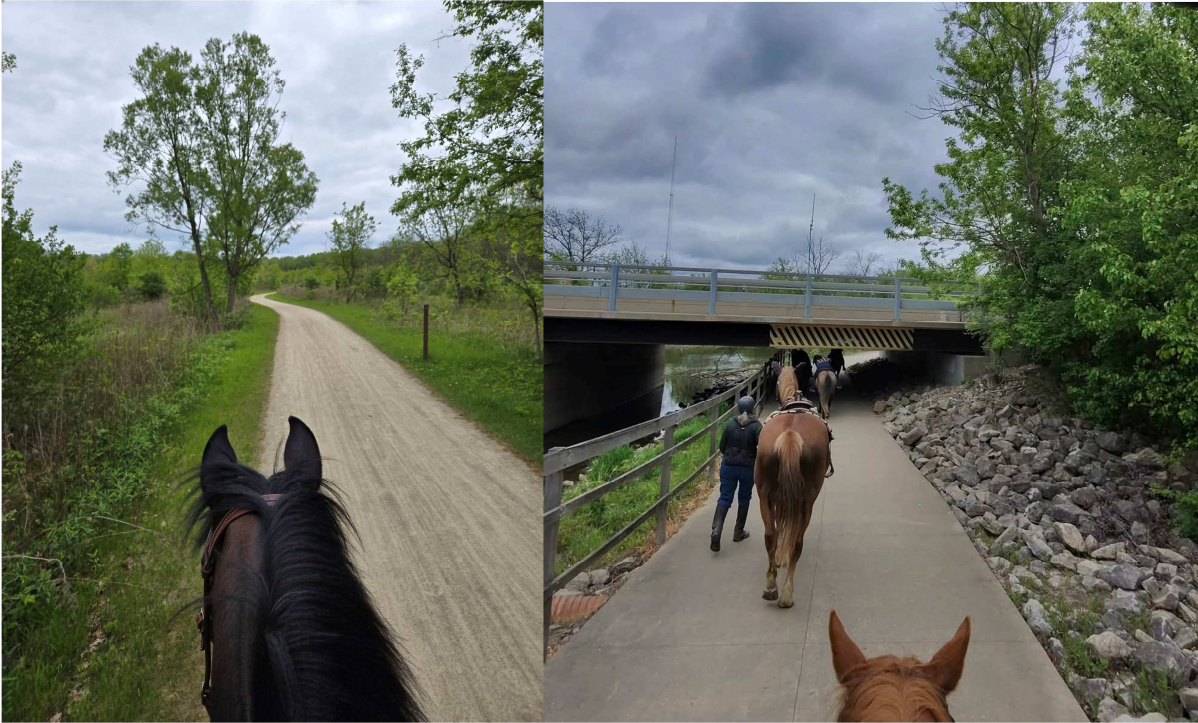
For any questions or concerns or to help, please contact Betsy Faitz at 847 601 4810.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Posse Campfire Meeting



Old School



Mother's Day Ride At Chain O'Lakes





WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this season. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning, spur of the moment, to go out and ride the trails, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be a LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may have the time to ride at another time. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

If you are interested in helping with the website, please contact Matt Friel for details.

WEBSITE PICTURES

For new members and anyone who want to update their picture on the Posse website, please send your photo to Matt Friel at webmaster@lcmp.info. Please send the picture as an attachment in your email.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & TEAMS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

| Committee | Chairs |
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| Associate Liaison/Resources | Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi |
| Communications/Website | Jennifer & Matt Friel |
| Fall Ride | Ghislaine deKoning & Jennifer Friel |
| Holiday Party | Betsy Faitz & Debi Neuman |
| Horse Show | Ghislaine deKoning / Kelly Dickson |
| Legislative Committee | Lynn Goodell |
| Non-Riding Events | The Board |
| Parades | Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright |
| Play Days | The Board |
| Possee Apparel | Betsy Faitz & Matt Friel |
| Trail Rides | Kim Moon & Debi Neuman |

OFFICERS FOR 2025

President: Debi Neuman
Vice President: Mike Mahan
Secretary: Beth Santi
Treasurer: Ghislaine deKoning

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel let us know – we'll help however we can.



POSSE WEAR

Link for Besco: <https://bescoawards.com/main.sc>

Link for The Lettering Machine for T-Shirts: <https://theletteringmachine.com/LCMP/shop/home>

ANIE'S JAMS AND JELLIES

Message from Anie Weiler:

“If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine deKoning. The jam(s) will be outside on her table with a separate jar for payment. If they live near me, they could come to my house and in the back, I will have their order on the table. See you soon, Anie Weiler”