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Fall 2014



GARDINNAL PRIDE

Every year Cardinal Pride needs two or three individuals to join our working board. Please contact one of the current board members listed with questions about how to be part of this active organization.

Cardinal Pride Board of Directors 2014-2015

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| Patti Johnson, President | Jerry Swoboda | Tim Simenson |
| Sharon Rambow, Secretary | Shane Volk | Brad Atchison |
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| | Ryan Blahosky, WHS Activities Director | |
| | Bill Fenske, Golf Tournament Coordinator | |

Cardinal Pride grant dollars at work...



August is upon us and many families are planning to get their children ready to go back to school and are looking forward to getting back into a routine. Along with the start of school comes the start of Willmar Cardinal sporting seasons. The fall sports practices have begun and the athletes, coaches, and fans are anticipating the excitement of the first game or competition.

Fall is also an exciting time for Cardinal Pride as we promote our organization with our annual membership drive. Each year our board members are present at athletic meetings, school open houses, sporting events, and other activities to promote Cardinal Pride. But, what exactly is Cardinal Pride and why is it important for individuals and businesses to work together to make the goals of Cardinal Pride a reality.

A group of community members established Cardinal Pride in 1999. The mission statement explains that Cardinal Pride is a non-profit, community organization of dues paying Cardinal supporters and parents whose sole existence is to encourage, promote and enhance the extra-curricular sports opportunities for Willmar students. Everything we do and all contributions go to benefit Willmar students in extra-curricular activities. The Cardinal Pride board consists of nine working members and the WHS Athletic Director who work together to fulfill this mission statement.

Cardinal Pride has given back over \$53,000 to Willmar Cardinal activities in the past six years. Some things that we pride ourselves in helping fund include multiple team jerseys and warm-ups, weight room equipment at the high school, murals at both the high school and middle school, the pool scoreboard, softball/baseball field fencing and capping, storage sheds for soccer and tennis, football equipment including middle school helmets, and a pep band drum.

Another way of giving back to our athletes is through the Cardinal Pride Memorial Scholarships that are presented to four seniors each spring. These scholarships are funded by proceeds from our Willmar Cardinal Open golf outing that takes place the Friday before Father's Day each year. This is a great way to have some fun and support Cardinal Pride while you enjoy time with family and friends over a friendly round of golf. This is also a great opportunity for coaches and booster groups to come out and represent your favorite Cardinal sport or activity.

Cardinal Pride is also proud of our annual Hall of Fame banquet and activities. The wall outside of the Big Red Gym displays the many athletes, coaches and community members that have been inducted into the Cardinal Pride Hall of Fame. Please consider joining us this year on Friday, September 26, 2014 as we welcome Dawn (Severtson) Teetzel, athlete, WHS class of 1995, Myron (Mike) Hanson, former coach, and William (Bill) Taunton, community member, to our Cardinal Pride Hall of Fame.

We are excited to bring a new look to our fall and winter souvenir programs this year. These programs are provided free of charge to parents/fans and include photos and schedules of the various sports. These programs also include advertisements for local businesses. Please consider supporting these businesses as they have supported Cardinal Pride.

Help the goals of Cardinal Pride become a reality! Individuals and businesses can help by becoming an annual member of Cardinal Pride, by giving to the endowment fund, by participating in the Willmar Cardinal Open golf outing, and by trying your luck at the various 50/50 raffles. Do not wait to start...complete the membership form found in this newsletter and mail it in today. Enjoy your fall and don't forget to come out and enjoy a sporting activity or two...GO CARDS!

Patti Johnson

President, Cardinal Pride

~ Support Cardinal Pride ~

Hole Sponsors for Golf Outing ~Thank You for your support~

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*Congratulations to the 2014 Cardinal Pride Scholarship recipients:
Tara Rudie, Trey Tollefson, Bailey Hovland, and Hunter Mottinger.
Each scholarship was \$500.00.*



Tara Rudie



Trey Tollefson



Bailey Hovland



Hunter Mottinger

Please Renew Your Annual Cardinal Pride Membership Today!

CARDINAL PRIDE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

Date _____

Membership Levels:

Red & White \$25.00 _____

Cardinal \$100.00 _____

(Name to be published in brochure with designation for Red & White and Cardinal Levels)

Name(s) _____ City _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

____ Please do not publish my name in the fall and winter brochures as acknowledgement of my membership level

____ Yes, I would like to help Cardinal Pride as a volunteer.

____ I would like to contribute to the Cardinal Pride Endowment Fund. Please contact me at the above address.

Please mail your dues and enrollment form to: CARDINAL PRIDE, P.O. Box 1534, Willmar, MN 56201

Cardinal Pride 2014

HALL OF FAME

Celebration

honoring

Dawn (Severtson) Teetzel - Athlete, WHS Class of 1995

Myron (Mike) Hanson - Coach

William (Bill) Taunton - Community Member

Friday, September 26, 2014

Pep Fest 1:45 - High School Big Red Gym

Social Hour & Dinner 4:30 - Willmar American Legion

Football Game 7:00 - Hodapp Field

Dinner Tickets: \$17.00 Adults - \$7.00 Children 10 & under

For reservations: Call Becky DeJong at 320-212-2719

No later than Monday, September 8, 2014