

ESKO'S CORNER SPECIAL EDITION

ESKO FUN DAYS

AUGUST

5TH-9TH 2025

WE CREATED THIS ADDITIONAL ISSUE FOR YOU
TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED FOR
A WEEK FILLED WITH FUN AND COMMUNITY

Esko Fun Days 2025 will be bigger and better than ever! Thanks to the following people for stepping into a volunteer role to help

Amanada Johnson	Melanie Pliml
Carrie Altrichter	Nikki Croteau
Cassie Janke	North Country
Cherri Sykes	RIDE
Staci Wisted	Sue Butkiewicz
Kari Knutson	Vanessa Carroll
Steve Knutson	Eva Nynas
Robin O'Niell	Echo Vind
Kellie Hanson	Stephanie Helland
Maggie Sunnarborg	

We are still looking for people to take over the Secretary and Treasurer positions for Esko Community Partnership, and welcome new volunteers anytime.



OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Corporation is to strengthen the Esko area by working alongside local businesses, community members and groups to build a stronger and safer community.

Thank you to our generous sponsors. Without you, we would not be able to offer all of the events of Esko Fun Days. We are still in need of donations. Please see page one if you can donate online.

Platinum Sponsors \$1000 or above
Thomson Township
Esko Mini's
Buffalo House

Gold Sponsors \$500 or above
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RAM Insurance

Silver Sponsors \$300 or above
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Northwoods Credit Union
Bronze Sponsors \$ 100 or above
David & Diana Johnson
National Bank of Commerce
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Esko Historical Society

Additional Sponsors:
Arrowhead Water

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ESKO FUN DAYS!

Donations are what make this event possible. If you would like to help, please click the link below!



<http://www.eskocommunitypartnership.com/>



We are still in need of financial support for this year!! We need about \$3000 more in order to provide all of our planned events. If every family that attends one event during the week contributed \$20, we would easily reach our goal. Please consider donating!

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MEDALLION HUNT

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BURKHOLDER 5K 8:30 AM.....10

ESKO TROPHY SALE 10:00-4:00 PM.....11

PARADE 11:00 AM.....12

ST MATTHEWS BBQ 11:30-1:30.....6

GAMES IN THE PARK 11:30-2:30

CAR SHOW 1:00-6:00 PM.....13

DAVIS HELBERG AWARD PRESENTATION 3:00 PM...13

ESKO SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION 4:00 PM...14

STREET DANCE 8:00-12:00



PLEASE REMEMBER EVENTS
ARE CASH ONLY



**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC
PARKING AT NORTHRIDGE
PARK ALL DAY SATURDAY,
AUGUST 9TH TO
ACCOMMODATE SET UP FOR
EVENTS AND SEATING FOR
THE DAVIS HELBERG AWARD
AND ESKO SPORTS ALLIANCE
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

National NIGHT OUT 2025

Join Us for
Spectacular
Family Fun

AT THE ESKO SPORTS COMPLEX

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

5:30-7:00

Event Highlights

**BUBBLE SHOW
FACE PAINTING
TRACK GAMES
ESKO FIRE DEPARTMENT
FREE HOT DOG DINNER
RACE A SQUATCH**

Bring the whole family for an evening filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories



North Country RIDE will host an open house event on Wed., August 6th from 5pm - 7pm. We will have hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Hobby horse obstacle course for kids of all ages, poop BINGO in the outdoor arena, kids pin the tail on the donkey for prizes, and other family fun games. Free will offering.

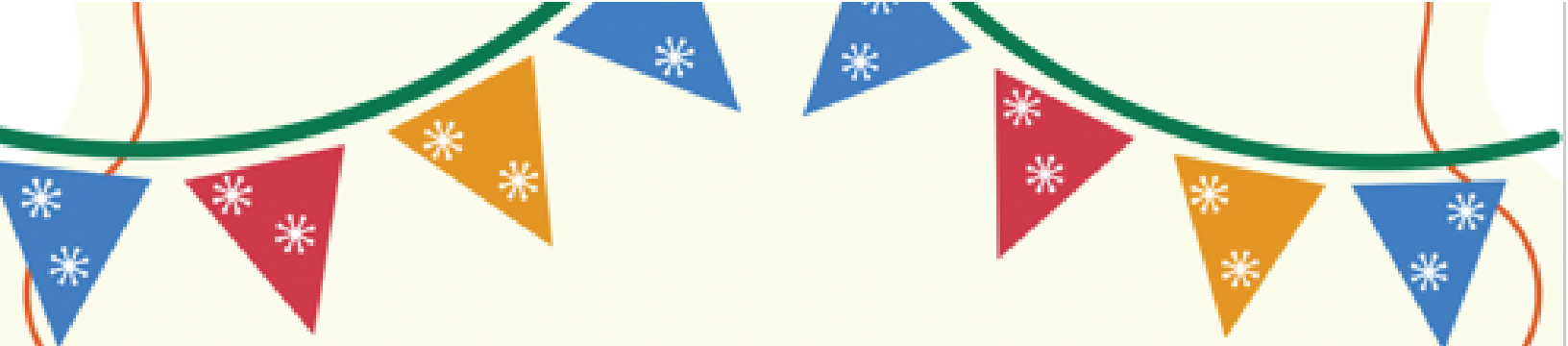
180 Hatinen Road



History Mystery Medallion Hunt
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 5:30 PM August 6-8, 2025.

Clues will be released on the Esko Community Partnership Facebook Page and on the door of the Historical Museum schoolhouse.

If you find the medallion- post your photo in the comments of the clue holding the medallion. All clues will be referenced from Esko's Corner Book. Books are for sale in the Community Education office or the museum for \$20 each.



ST MATTHEWS CHURCH

ESKO FUN DAYS

SCHEDULE

Aug 5 - National Night Out - Ice Cream Sundae's

Aug 7 - Bingo in the Esko School Cafeteria 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Aug 9 - BBQ at Northridge Park 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Aug 9th

Parade Line Up @ St Matthews
10:30 am

Parade starts @ 11 am



Bring candy & come ride on the
St Matthews float !!!

2ND ANNUAL ESKO FUN DAYS

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 8TH, 2025

10 A.M. START TIME

- ESKO SPORT COURT

LOCATION

- 3-4TH GRADERS
- 5-6TH GRADERS
- 7-8TH GRADERS

DIVISIONS

* BOYS DIVISION * GIRLS DIVISION

*3 GAME MINIMUM

- \$40.00 PER TEAM

COST

• For registration and additional details please visit eskohoops.org
or contact Andy Dammer +dammerawd@gmail.com +218-340-4669



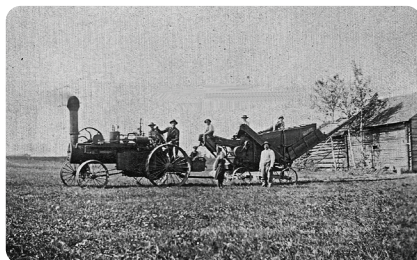
Join the Esko Historical Society for an Esko Fun Days event!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 FROM 5-7 P.M.

FREE TO ATTEND • DONATIONS WELCOME

Premiering a short film at 6 p.m.
Celebrate medallion winners
Open for touring

Light refreshments
Demonstrations
Family Activities



HISTORY MYSTERY MEDALLION HUNT

Clues will be posted at the School House, and on the Esko Community Partnership and Esko Historical Museum Facebook pages during Esko Fun Days.
Answers found in the Esko's Corner history book.

DONATE YOUR CANS!

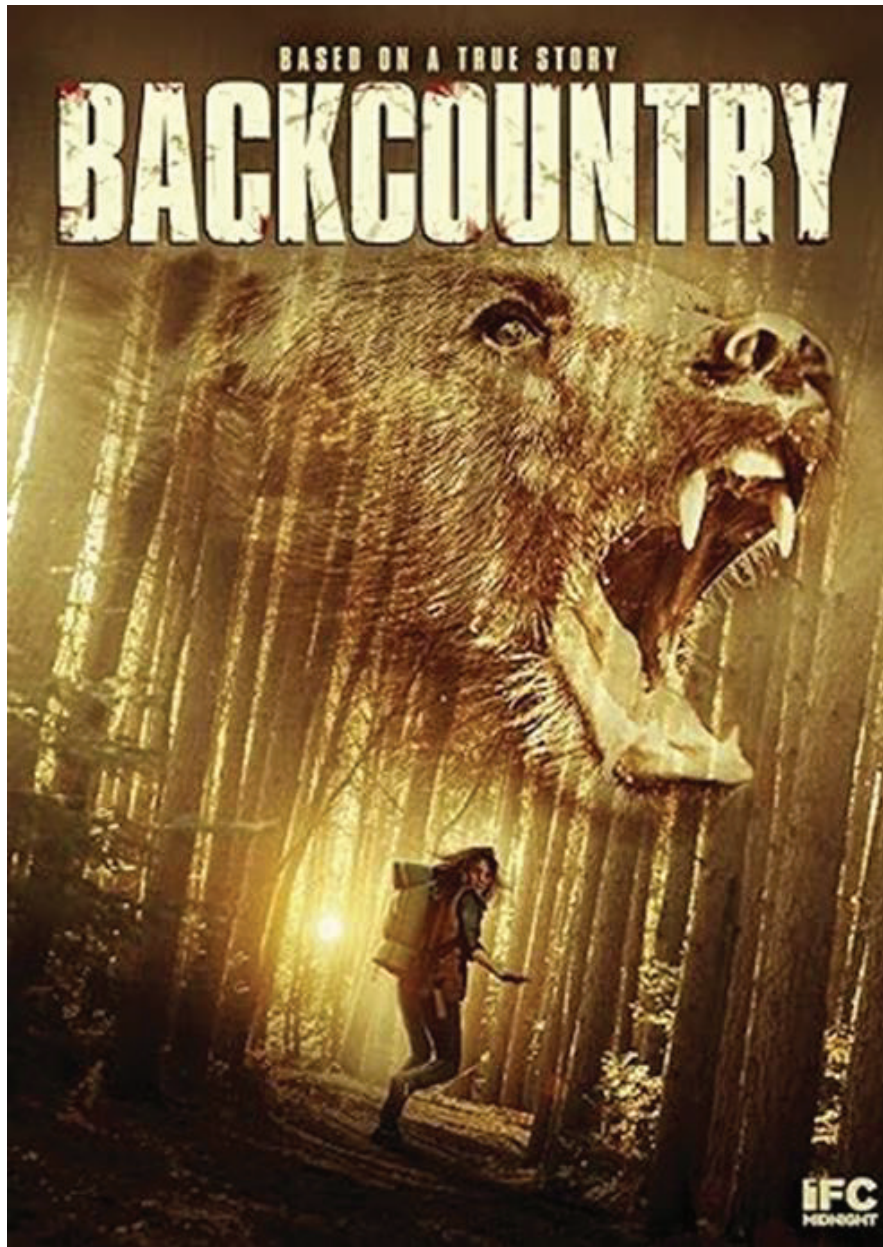
Save aluminum cans from yard parties, summer open houses, and river floats! Cans serve as a beneficial fundraiser for the Historical Society. Cans should be bagged and dropped off at the museum cart.

Get involved

Join / Donate / Volunteer / Learn
ESKOHISTORY.SQUARESPACE.COM

ESKO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS

Open Sundays 2-5 p.m., June through August and by appointment
Hwy 61 in Esko • 218-879-9450 • eskohistadm@centurylink.net



**Friday Night
8/8/25**

**Sports Complex
Parking Lot- By the
Back Baseball
Fields**

**Area Open at
7:45pm; Movie
starts at 8:30pm**

**Concessions
Available On-Sight**

**More Info on the
Northern Outdoors
Club Facebook Page**

ESKO FUN DAYS MOVIE NIGHT



At the Edge of the Esko School Forest...

There was an event catered for teens! Have a fun night out under the stars with your friends while watching a thriller movie involving camping, survival & a bear! *Disclaimer: the movie is Rated R for minimal language, some gore & a booty.



28th Annual Kristin Burkholder 5k

Saturday, August 9, 2025 @ 8:30 am

Creating awareness in the Esko community for walking safety for our children and organ donation since 1997.

Race Information

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025
Day-of Registration: begins at 7:00 am
Kids Race at 8:00 am
5k Race at 8:30 am
Location: Esko Sports Complex, 62 Canosia Rd, Esko
Stroller Friendly
Awards given to runners in the following categories:

- Top overall male and female
- Top two runners in each division:
5-8, 8-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39,
40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and
older

Entry Fee

Early-Bird Pricing (register by July 22nd)

Ages 5-12: \$12 Ages 12-18: \$20 Adults (19+):
\$25

Race Pricing (July 23rd – August 9th)

Ages 5-12: \$17 Ages 12-18: \$25 Adults (19+): \$30

Day of Registration

Ages 5-12: \$20 Ages 12-18: \$30 Adults (19+): \$35

Register by 7/22 to guarantee a race shirt!

Registration Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Sex: ____ Male ____ Female

Age on day of race: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Esko students entering grades 7-12: \$10 of your entry will be donated to the school-sponsored club/team of your choice.

Please designate your choice on the line:

Register online:

<https://runsignup.com/race/mn/esko/KristinBurkholder5kWalkRun>

Mail forms to: Esko Educational Foundation, PO Box 27 Esko,

Checks Payable to: Kristin Burkholder 5K

I, knowingly and at my own risk, hereby apply to enter the Kristin Burkholder Walk Race and do hereby waive and release any and all claims of damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in this event against the Esko Educational Foundation, Inc., I.S.D #99, Thompson Township, Carlton County, all sponsors, or any employees, agent, volunteer, or elected official of these organizations for said injuries and damages. I further hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved with this event and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate. If, however, as a result of my participation, I require medical attention, I hereby give my consent to authorized medical personnel and first responders to provide such medical care as deemed necessary by such authorized personnel. I understand that due to time of year there is a risk of extreme heat and weather during the running/walking of this event and do assume all heat and weather related risks with my participation in this event, I further give permission to the Esko Educational Foundation, Inc., or their designee or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, video, motion picture, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose at any time without compensation.

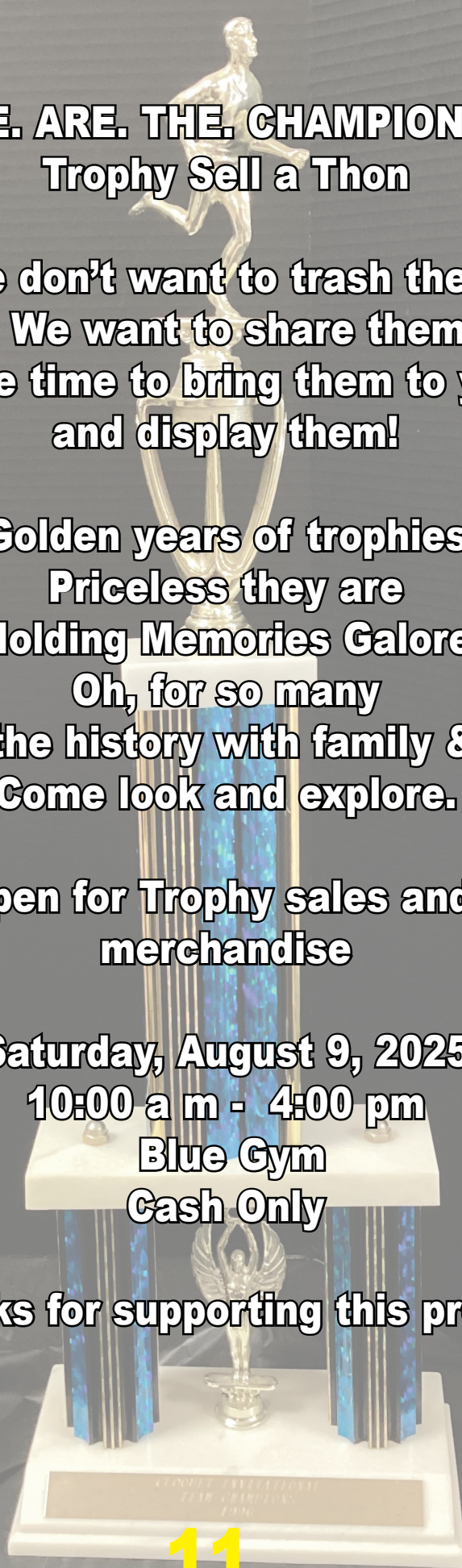
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (if participant is under 18): _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Check our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/Burkholder5K or
email burkholder5k@gmail.com for
updates.

On April 24, 1997, 12 year old Kristin Burkholder died from injuries suffered from a pedestrian-car accident while running for track practice along Canosia Road in Esko. Proceeds from the race benefit the EEF Kristin Burkholder Memorial Scholarship Fund.



**WE. ARE. THE. CHAMPIONS,
Trophy Sell a Thon**

**We don't want to trash them
We want to share them
So now's the time to bring them to your homes
and display them!**

**Golden years of trophies
Priceless they are
Holding Memories Galore
Oh, for so many
Sharing the history with family & friends
Come look and explore.**

**Doors will open for Trophy sales and other Esko
merchandise**

**Saturday, August 9, 2025
10:00 a m - 4:00 pm
Blue Gym
Cash Only**

Thanks for supporting this project



Esko Fun Days
August 5-9, 2025

ESKO FUN DAYS PARADE

**Highlight your business or
group to the Esko community.**

Prizes given to
Best Business
Best School Group
Most People
Most Fun
and more!

Sign up to participate:

Use this Google Doc
<https://forms.gle/tT9n5qzFUk1xUs277>
to sign up for the parade.

**Parade 11:00 AM Saturday August 9, 2025
Line-up at 10:30 AM at St Matthews Church
4 Elizabeth Dr
Esko MN 55733**

Community of Hope Car Show Fundraiser

Saturday, August 9 1:00-6:00 PM

Esko Stadium Parking lot

\$10.00 for car entry, BBQ and raffles.

All money goes to Community of Hope.

Contact Sue Butkiewicz at sue.butkiewicz@gmail.com to enter your car!

The Community of Hope is a non-profit organization made up of people of faith determined to help make a difference and reduce homelessness in our community. Established in March 2023, this dedicated group of Christians come from various churches in the Cloquet, Esko, and Carlton area with hearts that show and share the love that Jesus stated as part of the greater commandment to love our neighbor. Our goal is to help provide those in need with basic necessities, a temporary warm, safe place to stay and provide resources and programs to further their ability to become self-sufficient.

The Davis Helberg award is given to community members in recognition of their volunteerism to the community. This year, we are recognizing the organizers of the Kristin Burkholder 5 K run. The winners of the award for 2025 are:

Tim Lindquist
Kristopher Glesener
Brent Smith
Randi Nyholm
Andy Prevost
Congratulations!

Please honor these volunteers by attending the presentation of the award on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Northridge Park parking lot.

Esko Sports Alliance Hall of Fame
Induction:

4:00 Northridge Parking lot
Music, tent & food trucks

Celebrate Rod Johnson, Tim Lindquist and
the 2014 State Championship basketball
team.



Rod Johnson



Tim Lindquist