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From the President

Good Day My Friends!

The weather is just fine, but we still need moisture for the summer months, coming up & not that far off. Speaking of not far off, the Ride is March 29th & 30th, just around the corner. I hope the weather is good then too, maybe in the 50's, well we can hope, can't we? We all need to sell all the ATV tickets we can. The Calendar of Events, looking good, and still showing there are plenty of them going on.

I want everyone on the Ride to be careful, and have a good one by using good judgment, because everyone out there will be looking & watching us all the way.

I will see you at John Deere for the Governor's Ride into Camp. Hope this finds you all doing well, and may God Bless You!

Stephen Bomer

Congratulations

A very special congratulations to our newest Board Member, Josh Ries and wife Kate, they recently became the proud parents of a baby boy, Braxton Wayne.

Pony Express Riders & Willy will be at the West Iowa Tack Swap, in Denison on April 13th from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Our 2013 raffle horse “Willy” will be there making his first public appearance of the season, and we'll be selling tickets as well as providing informational literature about the Pony Express Riders.

SALEABLE ITEMS contact info: Circle C Signs
2446 State HWY 2
Clarinda, IA 51632
712-542-2174 or 1-800-359-4260
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Shown above is Dick Johnson of Clarinda and his family presenting a check for over \$2800 to the Pony Express Riders, via Robi Whitfield (SW Regional VP) while attending the SW Saddle Up Meeting in January. The check is a Memorial Contribution for Dick's wife Joyce, who passed away in November. Joyce was a current Board Member as well as the one who handled most of the details for the SW Ride into Camp. This year that Ride will be dedicated to honor Joyce Johnson's Memory.



The 16 inch New Western Saddle donated to the Marshall County Dance/Auction by Theisen's of Marshalltown, is one of the many GREAT Auction Items we've been hearing they have donated for their event March 2nd.

The Tama county group has reported they have a 2 night cabin stay, a 10 person hot tub party, and a Flat Screen TV & much, much more to be auctioned during their dance March 16th.

The Clarinda Dance (March 23) has numerous items ranging from a butcher hog to the

annual donation of Round Pen Gates & horse hay ring donated by the Gate Shop in Shambaugh., and many more great items to auction.

The Harrison county dance in Magnolia on March 16th has a horse donated by Bill & Carol Pryor & a saddle donated by Bruce Talbott, to help raise money at this event.

These are just the most recent donations, we've heard of, and I'm sure there's many more, Just shows we are getting some great support from our communities & we are grateful to all who help us in our efforts to raise money to benefit Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Keep up the Great work you all do!

Hardin

Ackley Saddle Club presenting Pony Express Dance Friday, March 29th 8-Midnight Dance to *Borderline* at the Ackley Rec Center

Monroe

Trail/Wagon Ride/Poker Run 5/ 30& 31 & 6/1 Wagon/trail ride begins on May 30th, ends at the Dan Larson Memorial Bull ride in Albia on June 1st Pony Express giving pony rides at Bull Ride, as well as doing concessions. Dance in the 4H building following the Bull ride, save the dates & watch for updates. For information, call Ron @641-660-5505

Dates to remember

March 1, 2, 3rd Iowa Deer Classic We have a booth to sell ATV Raffle Tickets

Pony Express Annual Meeting 1:00 @ Camp All members are encouraged to attend, vote for those you want to represent your regions on the Board of Directors

June 7, 8, 9th Annual River Valley Weekend Save the dates, plan to attend, watch for details and flyer at later date

August 2,3 Annual Pony Express/DD Rodeo

August 8th—18th Iowa State Fair Please plan to help sell horse raffle tickets in the Avenue of Breeds sometime during the Fair, our spot is open 9 AM to 9 PM every day, except the last Sunday, we draw the winning ticket at Noon!

We Need your Help!

As of January 5, 2013, the US Postal Service changes for mailing "self mailers" went into effect. This effects us in mailing our *Currier*. We either have to print & use a heavier paper, which costs us about 3.5 times as much or mail in an envelope, which would require special ordering and an additional cost. So, it's more important than ever that I ask..... Please if you can receive your Currier by email, ask Carole to put you on the *email* list, rather than mailing your issue. To insure she has the proper email address, email Carole at: cbailey@eastersealsia.org & request your issue to be emailed.

In addition to the money raised by Pony Express, the money **saved** by Pony Express, can also make a difference in the amount that can be turned into Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Many Thanks to those who have already agreed to make this change!

Calendar of Events



Three Rivers

Cowboy Kamikaze Karaoke Feb. 23 7 PM Kensett Community Center, 300 Willow Street

Tri County

Tri County Pony Bowl March 9 2:30 at the Plaza Lanes Sports Complex (2701 Douglas Ave) \$20 per person, includes bowling & shoes. Door Prizes, Silent Auction, registration or information, call Kim @ 515-202-0954

Roadblock/Collection Points April 27th Doing collections at 3 intersections in Pleasant Hill, so we need lots of help, please call Kim @ 515-202-0954 or Carole @ 515-249-6376

Palo Alto

White Elephant Auction & Karaoke- March 2 Auction begins at 5, Karaoke by Big Nacho following the auction, at the Duck Stop in Mallard St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16 1:30 Meet at Vince Lammers place and be ready to leave for the parade at Noon, for info call 515-320-5293

Cass

Dance & Auction Feb. 23rd 8-midnight Cumberland Community Center, music by *The Rhythm Kings*

Hamilton

Dance Feb. 23rd Doors open 7 PM Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle, Music by *Travis Klingson & Jake Grossnickle Band*, starts at 8 PM, Moose Lodge in Webster City

Toll Road March 16 8 AM –1 PM Collection points located at South Superior St, East & West Second Streets

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Dance & Auction Saturday, March 23rd Held at Wibholm Hall in Clarinda, music by *Brooke Turner*, BYOB please!

Chickasaw

Dance June 1st Nashua Fairgrounds Band is *Sundance*

Jasper/Marion

1st Pony Bowl (9 Pin Tap) Feb. 23 3 PM Registration opens at 2:30, or pre-register by calling 515-681-8409 \$20 per person includes 3 games & shoes. Door Prizes, Raffle items, Silent Auction. Fairlane Bowl in Knoxville.

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Dance & Auction March 9th 7 PM to Midnight At the Shenandoah Elks Club on HWY 59

Boone/Story Madrid Bunch

Hosting 6th Annual Pony Bowl March 2nd 9 AM 9 Pin No Tap, 1st flight 9 AM, 2nd Noon, 3rd at 3 PM Top 8 make the FINALS! Winner each Flight, Overall Winner \$100. 50/50, raffles, Silent Auction, To pre-register call 515-689-7674 or 515-321-3323 or online at <https://tikly.co/-/1078> Flyer on News page : www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

2nd Annual Pony Pedal March 24th Detailed information to follow

Tama

Soup Supper/Dance/Auction March 16th Serving Supper 5-7, Auction 7 PM, Dance to the "Other Band" 8 PM to Midnight held at Lincoln Amvets, flyer available at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Marshall

Soup Supper Dance & Auction March 2nd Supper, free will offering, serving 5-7 PM. Auction starting at 7 PM, may continue during band breaks. Auction items include 16 inch western saddle donated by Marshalltown Theisen's, 1 ton of gravel & much more! Music by Rural Edition, dance 8 to Midnight. Dance admission, \$5 per person or \$10 Couple. Moose Lodge, 1516 E. Olive St. Marshalltown. Flyer available at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Yunker Community Day Sale March 1, 2nd Buy your coupon book from Barb (515-210-1268) so that Pony Express receives the \$5 purchase price. go to this link for more information: <http://bit.ly/VLgFCE>

Hardin

Dance & Auction March 16th 8 pm– Midnight Dance to *Borderline* at Steamboat Rock Schoolhouse

Harrison

Dance March 16th 8 PM to Midnight Live Band Magnolia Community Center \$6 person, horse & saddle will be auctioned at the event.