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Hello.

I truly hope everyone has had a great summer, and looking forward to some fall riding. It has been a busy summer for fundraising. The Annual River Valley weekend was another success, good weather, lots of great fun. I heard that this year Tonya & Tommy DeMoss (Party Time Karaoke & DJ) kept everyone entertained on Friday & Saturday evening, and who knew that our very own Robi Whitfield was such a KARAOKE STAR?? Carole has asked them to come again next year, so polish up your singing talents, maybe we'll make a contest out of it!

I was unable to attend the Rodeo the first weekend of August due to family obligations, but was told it was a huge success with record attendance on Friday evening., and great attendance again on Saturday evening. The Rodeo is no small undertaking, it takes weeks & months of planning & work, so we are very grateful to all of you who give of your time to make it happen!

I'd also like to THANK everyone that helped sell tickets at the Iowa State Fair. Due to overall fair attendance, our ticket sales were down, but still a good annual fundraiser. Carla Assell of Centerville purchased 1 ticket while at the fair, and was very surprised to receive the call at noon on Sunday, telling her that her's was the winning ticket! Carla chose to take Frosty rather than the Visa Gift Card. Congratulations to her & best wishes in her horse ownership.

On to the next raffle: We have acquired a Henry Big Boy- 30/30 lever action rifle. The raffle committee decided to try something a bit different: Selling the tickets for \$10 and limiting the sales to 1,000 tickets. If you want tickets to purchase or sell, please contact the representative in your area. Tim Allen for NW; Darrell Gamble for SE; Carmen Orme for SW; and myself for NE, or check with Carole, if you need help locating tickets from someone in your area. The raffle prize committee is reviewing bids for ATV's at this time, so we are looking forward to that raffle again for

one of our many winter activities.

Don't forget to get your fall & winter event dates turned in to Carole for insurance & listing on web site & Currier. It's also time to start thinking of ideas to share with the committees and Board of Directors because committees meet August 8th & the Board meets the following day, Sunday, August 9th. Check the web site for the representative for your area, or feel free to contact me with your comments or concerns.

Tom Nehl

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I'd like to be a member of the Pony	Express Riders of Iowa.
Please enroll me as:	New Member Renewal
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Contributing Member	Name:
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Active Member	Phone:
\$5 - voting	E-Mail:
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Shown at left is Tama County Princess, Klayre Gallentine drawing the winning ticket at the State Fair. Also shown is Tama County Senior Queen, Jess Tuttle. Both girls helped sell tickets several times while at the Fair & Knowing that Klayre was so determined to win Frosty, when she asked if she could draw, we all informed her that maybe we should check up her pretty little sleeve, just in case, she was hiding her own ticket. She may have been slightly disappointed when she drew the ticket belonging to Carla Assell of Centerville.

Carla was called & it was determined a few moments later, that she would indeed take ownership of Frosty Dancer Dude.

## **Calendar of Events**

### Van Buren

Oct. 11th Horse Show & Queen contest @Van Buren county fairgrounds in Keosauqua Flyer available (a)www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

#### Tama

Horse & Mule Fun Show Sept. 21st At DD Rodeo Arena north of Toledo. Flyer available at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org or call 641-750-3774 for information

### **Central Iowa Group**

Sept. 21st Pony Golf 7 AM- Noon 4 man best shot @ Terrace Hills in Altoona., info available at www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org or call 515-202-0954

#### Clavton

Annual Trail Ride Oct. 4th & 5th At Strawberry Point. Call Curt for details 563-920-8783

#### **Pottawattamie**

Poker Run & Chili Feed Oct. 4th 12:30 registration, Ride begins @ 1:30, supper @ 5:00, \$15 for Ride, 1 hand of poker & Supper Waubonsie State Park, Hamburg, IA



Riders from all over the State join Ron Hoy & the Monroe County Pony Express riders in their annual 3 day Ride to the Dan Larson Memorial Bull Ride in Albia. This photo was taken at the start of an 18 mile ride from Oskaloosa to Bussey. Rain or shine this ride takes place the 1st weekend of June, so mark your calendar for next years ride!



Carla Assell, shown meeting her new horse. Right photos shows Carla and her 2 granddaughters getting to know Frosty. With these 2 beautiful little girls around, wonder if Carla will get to ride him at least once in awhile????

News from Easter Seals

Thank you for sharing the Easter Seals Iowa mission throughout the state! We want to make sharing our message consistently easy for you. Here are a few resources available:

#### Easter Seals Iowa Mission:

Easter Seals Iowa provides exceptional services to ensure all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

#### Disability Etiquette in speech and in the written word

Refer to the person, not the disability. Person first, disability second. (i.e. - a person with a disability, not a disabled or handicapped person).

If you have any questions about promotion of Easter Seals Iowa contact Director of Marketing & Communications Jessica Brown at jbrown@eastersealsia.org for more information.



# **\$10 Rafile to Benefit Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside**

**Sponsored by Pony Express Riders of Iowa** In Partnership with Mallard Sporting Goods, Mallard, IA

## **Prize: Henry Big Boy 30-30 Lever Action Rifle**

## **\$10** Per Ticket (only 1,000 tickets being sold)

 $\sim$  Need not be present to win  $\sim$  Winner responsible for taxes– must be 18 or claimed by parent or guardian: Must complete appropriate paperwork & collect prize from: Mallard Sporting Goods (712-425-3598)

> Drawing will be held at: **Pizza Ranch** 201 SE Oralabor Rd., Ankeny **8 PM** Sat., November 8th

> > **For Tickets Contact:**

Tom Nehl NE Region, 641-220-1621 Tim Allen, NW Region, 515-320-5293 Darrell Gamble, SE Region, 515-249-6910 Carmen Orme, SW Region, 402-305-0228