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From the President

Hello Everyone!

I hope like me, you are all looking forward to Ride Day & let's hope the weather is as nice as we've had lately. There are lots of events prior to Ride Day, & I hope you're planning to show the Good Old Pony Express spirit and support by attending as many as possible.

I want to encourage everyone to check out our web site if you haven't already, you'll notice, “we have a new look”. The committee has made some much needed improvements to our site, hoping to draw more attention & some positive Pony Express exposure.

Reminder that our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 3rd at 1:00, with Board of Directors Meeting before & after. There has been several decisions/changes made recently by the Board, some you may agree with & approve & some maybe not so much, but please bare with us as we try to make improvements & necessary changes so that our fine organization may continue to grow. Many of your concerns have been brought to the board and will be taken into consideration when these topics are discussed again in the future to determine if the changes have been effective or not. It's hard knowing just how much change is needed to keep up with our ever changing times!

One of these changes, is that the raffle committee chose a Mule for the State Fair Raffle, those tickets will be available at Camp on Ride Day, so please pick yours up (saving postage you know). Thanks to Dave Hester (SW Region Board Member) we will also be conducting another raffle for a Priefert round pen. Those tickets will also be available on Ride Day. The round pen raffle will run until Nov. 14th, when we will be hosting a Pony Express Dance at Lake Robbins, where we will be drawing that winning ticket & the Horse Show Committee will be hold their High Point Awards Presentation. This should really be a fun night & encourage everyone to attend.

It was agreed to hold another fall auction, in the past it has been a gun. This year we've decided to put together a hunting package which will include a .22 rifle, 12 gauge shotgun, and a bow. We are looking for help in obtaining bids for such a package. Please check with Businesses in your area to see if they'd like to submit a bid. All bids to be considered, must be in to the Raffle Prize Committee by June 30th. Tickets for this prize package will be available immediately following the end of the State Fair.

Hope to see most of you Ride Weekend!

Tom Nehl

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WALK WITH ME 2015 Raffle

Hosted by

Rural Solutions/Assistive Technology Center team

Iowa Raised Meat \$350

Donated by **Corey Family Farm**, **Sawyer Organic Beef**, and **Early Morning Harvest**. A combination of free range and pasture fed beef, chicken, and lamb. All meat is raised by Iowa farmers with disabilities. Goods produced in Elkart, Princeton, and Panora, Iowa.

Garden Sculpture \$300

Donated by **Blacksmith Boutique and Garden Center** is a custom creation made from recycled farm equipment, designed to flatter its surroundings with a rustic and artistic agricultural heritage.
www.blacksmithboutique.com

20x30 Farm Print \$250

Donated by **FarmHer**, a photographer that focus' on women in agriculture, is a photograph of an Iowa Veteran farmer. This was an effort to expose the hidden beauty of agriculture and the women who work behind the scenes.
www.farmher.com

Ticket sales are finalized at the end of the Walk With Me event on April 25, 2015.

Drawing will be held April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Camp Sunnyside main office.

\$5/1 Ticket \$20/5 Tickets \$100/30 Tickets

Cash or check payable to Easter Seals Iowa.. Winner need not be present to win.
Contact an Easter Seals Iowa Rural Solutions team member or 515-309-2394 (Phone), 515-289-4069 (TTY), kkarwal@eastersealsia.org (Email)

Easter Seals Iowa Walk With Me is April 25 at Camp Sunnyside, 401 NE 66th Ave. in Des Moines. The one-mile walk around Lake Cheerio is a fundraiser to support individuals with disabilities in our community. Also enjoy family-friendly entertainment including archery, camp crafts, rock wall, kid's games, a balloon artist, face painting, mascots and more. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The Walk begins at 10 a.m. Register and learn more at www.walkwithme.org/desmoines.

Attention Pony Express Riders

If you are interested in purchasing Raffle Tickets, we have invited Easter Seals Staff members to set up and sell tickets on ride Day at Camp.

Looks like some awesome prizes.....and just 1 more way we can show our support for Camp!

Calendar of Events



Horse Shows that include High Point Series
See web site for flyers:
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Van Buren

May 2 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Lucas County

May 16 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Central Iowa Group

May 24 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Marshall County

May 25 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Jasper

May 30 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Tama

June 7th Horse show & Queen Contest

Lee County at River Valley Weekend

June 14 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Marion County

June 28 Horse Show & Queen Contest

Tama

Supper/Dance/Auction March 21st
At Amvets Hall in Lincoln,
call 641-750-3774 for information

Central Iowa Group

9 Pin No Tap Bowling March 21st
At Premier Lanes in Pleasant Hill,
Call 515-202-0954 for information

Sac County Lake Riders Saddle Club

Hosting Pony Express Auction March 28
At 2 PM, supper to follow, all @ Laney's
Corral, 319 Main St., Lake View

Jasper/Marion

Good Friday April 3rd 8 PM– 11 PM
Dance & Auction @ Fox in Knoxville

Tri County

Good Friday Dance at Lake Robbins
April 3rd, 8 PM to Midnight
Band is Breaking Ground

Victory Dance at Lake Robbins

April 4th 8 PM to Midnight

Crystal Blue Band featuring the Hebrons

Three Rivers

Collections in Osage 10 AM-2 PM
Soup Supper/Dance/Auction @ VFW In Osage (HWY 218 N.)
Doors open @ 4, supper 5 till gone, Dance/Auction 6 to Mid-night

Grundy

March 21st - ATV Ticket Sales— Auction Items, sell
approx. 11:00 AM at Central Iowa Exchange in Aplington

Mark your Calendars & Save these Dates

April 3rd & 4th RIDE WEEKEND

April 10– 12 Iowa Horse Fair, Pony Express Queens participate in Cow Girl Queen Contest on Sunday the 12th. We will have a booth at the Horse Fair, selling raffle tickets for the next 2 raffles. Call Carole if you can help at our booth.

May 3rd Annual Membership Meeting at Camp Sunnyside 1:00 all members welcome/encouraged to attend!

June 4th, 5th & 6th Monroe County Pony Express Annual Wagon/Trail Ride to Dan Larson Memorial Bull Ride in Albia

June 12th, 13th & 14th Annual Pony Express Weekend @ River Valley in Farmington

August 7th & 8th Annual Pony Express / Double D Rodeo

August 13th—23rd Iowa State Fair, Horse Raffle ticket sales

Nov.13 & 14th Sat., Nov.13th Committee Meetings at Camp, NEW THIS YEAR, Sat. 7 PM-11 PM Dance at Lake Robbins, High Point Horse Show Award Ceremony, as well as Raffle Drawing for Priefert Round Pen. Band TBD

Sunday, Nov. 14th Board of Directors Meeting at Camp

A very special “Thank You” to Bob & Irena McWilliams!
Because of a shoulder injury I wasn’t able to drive our truck to take the Honda ATV to the Deer Classic. Not only did Bob & Irena pick it up from Camp & deliver it back after, they took care of the booth all weekend, and with help from a few other volunteers, Sold more tickets this year than ever before at the Classic. Thank You,
Carole B.

Motel:

We are again getting a reduced price of \$50 per night plus tax, when reserving your room at Quality Inn & Suites, 4995 Merle Hay Road. **515-278-2381** Be sure to mention that you are with the Pony Express when making your reservation. Please remember due to lack of parking, we ask that no one leaves trailer/horses at the Motel. They can be left at Camp or Lake Robbins as in the past.

Busses:

Tickets can be purchased at Camp on Ride Day for \$3, same as last year. This provides transportation to & from the Motel & Victory Dance at Lake Robbins. Please take advantage of this service so no one has to risk driving after indulging in a few "adult" beverages! This service is provided to keep all of our members & volunteers SAFE! **NOTE: the schedule for bussing is different from last year. Leaving Motel at 6:30 & 7:30 (only 2 busses) & leaving Lake Robbins, back to motel at Midnight & 1:00 (again only 2 busses)**

Dance:

VICTORY DANCE will be held at Lake Robbins, 26726 150th St., Woodward

ADVANCE Victory Dance Tickets are still \$2, purchased at Camp on Ride Day, but are \$5 at the door at Lake Robbins.

Please remember, out of respect for the owners of Lake Robbins, we ARE NOT to take in our own food or drinks. If a few violate this, we all will pay the price if she raises prices on rent, food, & drinks.

Memberships:

Annual membership renewals due each year on Ride Day.

Lifetime (18 & over) \$30, Contributing member \$10, Family Member (2 votes) \$10, Active \$10, Jr (17 & under) 50 cents- non voting

Saleable Items:

Saleable Items will be set up in Camp Lodge on Ride Day, they will not be selling merchandise at the Victory Dance, so visit them at Camp for your purchases! If you want them to bring something specific, please call well in advance, so they can have it ready & bring to Ride Day. Remember they have time & money invested in these saleable items, and no one will be allowed to take without payment at time of purchase.

Note from Carole: on the Ride Route sheet, reverse side: My apologies, I forgot to add Ed Sunderman's phone number. It is 712-542-7299