

Why we ride...

Money raised by Pony Express is donated to Camp Sunnyside, which helps nearly 8,000 Iowans with disabilities annually. Camp Sunnyside is Easter Seals' flagship program, offering recreational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

Easter Seals also offers:

- ♦ A place to try new activities and learn new skills like horseback riding, boating and camping.
- ♦ A place that will loan a wheelchair or other durable medical equipment to a family who cannot afford to buy one.
- ♦ A place that will help farmers who have a disability stay on the farm when they thought there was no hope.
- ♦ A place that provides employment training for people with a disability in the Des Moines area.
- ♦ A place that provides respite services to families and caregivers.
- ♦ A place that provides training for independent living, self-reliance and confidence in one's own abilities.

Thank you for your support of this important work!

Save the Date

2016 Pony Express Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 8, 2016
1:00 PM—Camp Sunnyside



The Pony Express Riders of Iowa

Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	
State/ZIP _____	County _____
Phone _____	Email _____

_____ Lifetime Member \$30 (voting)	
_____ Contributing Member \$10 (voting)	
_____ Active Member \$5(voting)	
_____ Family Member \$10 (two votes)	
_____ Jr. Member 17 & under \$1 (non-voting)	

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2015-2016 Board of Directors



Front : Carmen Orme
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Back: Johnny Johnson, Dennis Dostal, Josh Ries, Roger Hildebrand, Darrell Gamble, Nate Miller, Tom Nehl
Not present for photo: Dave Hester, Paxton Reese, Jason Johnson

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Get your news by "Currier"...

The Pony Express *Currier* is a free monthly newsletter offered to current members that keeps you up to date on the latest Pony Express news. Each issue is written by members and volunteers of Pony Express, and includes news about the organization and a calendar of events. The Pony Express *Currier* is also used to share ideas and plans from other Pony Express groups.

Submissions to the *Currier* must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in the following issue. To receive the *Currier*, or to submit information, contact:

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the Pony Express EXTRA



FALL 2015

2015 PONY EXPRESS RIDES AGAIN!



2015– 48th Annual Pony Express Ride into Camp Sunnyside

As in the previous 47 years the Pony Express Riders saddle up on Good Friday and start their 2 day journey to Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside, arriving at Camp Sunnyside on Saturday, April 4th with saddle bags bulging. Delivering over \$179,000 to the money room to be counted. With the fiscal year not ending until May 31st, they didn't stop there, they continued sending money to Camp, so at the end of the fiscal year, had raised even more totaling a bit over \$265,000.

You would think after all that hard work, they'd take a break, but No Way, this dedicated group of volunteers had a busy summer as well, already raising funds for the next year by holding the 7th Annual Pony Express Weekend at River Valley in Farmington, partnering with the DD Rodeo for the 5th year, and for the 2nd consecutive year, raising over \$10,000. Another successful Wagon Train Ride in Monroe county ending the ride at the Dan Larson Memorial Bull Ride, along with numerous county events. The Northwest Region introduced a new event this year by hosting an outdoor Concert featuring Brad Morgan.

Looks like the end of 2015 & beginning of 2016 will be just as busy for all of the members & volunteers, best of luck in your efforts raising money to assist Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside & the Iowans with disabilities they serve.

Congratulations to the 2015 Raffle Winners



Can you believe the good fortune of Doug Wertz from West Bend? He purchased the winning ticket for the Polaris in 2012, and again in 2015 for the Honda. His secret: he said he buys tickets in many locations through out the county. Let's all give it a try, it works for Doug!



Dan Shirk of Emmetsburg won the Henry 30-30 Rifle

Jacob Beck of Preston, Iowa was the lucky winner of Sweet Pea the mule, but the Mrs. Thought they'd be a lot luckier taking the \$950 Visa card instead.

From Our President.....

Dear Pony Express Riders,
I'd like to take this opportunity to THANK each & every one of you for the part you played in raising over \$265,000 this past year. Your hours of hard work will again give thousands of Iowans with disabilities a better quality of life because of the services provided by Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside.

Don't you think that Stab, Wayne & Leo would be surprised to know that the Pony Express Riders were fast approaching a 50 year Anniversary? Wouldn't they also be very proud knowing that the organization (their dream) has raised nearly 10 Million dollars?

Please keep the reason for our fundraising in your mind & heart and again, I Thank You All for doing what you do, it does make a difference!

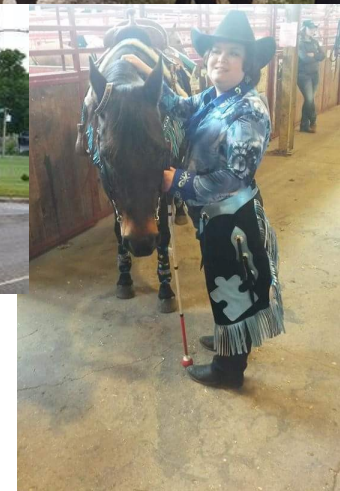
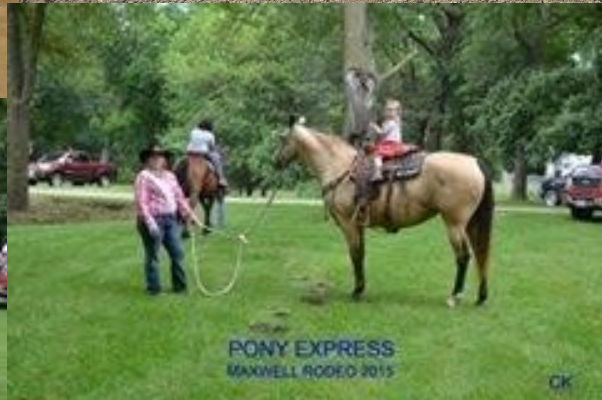
Tom Nehl



Shelly Broyles & Joan Wiese giving horse rides at Marion Co Fair



Fairboard Pres. Jason Reed



RIDE DAYS 2016 will be held on March 25 & 26, 2016