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From the President

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all surviving this good old Iowa winter & I hope you're getting excited about Spring & Ride Weekend coming up. Hard to believe Ride Weekend will be here in only about a month, wow, where has the time gone?

We just had our winter Board Meeting this past Sunday, and we reviewed several nice options for horses and a mule to use for our State Fair Raffle. It was almost a unanimous vote for the mule, because it is a "been there, done that" kind of mule, apparently having lots more saddle time than most of our other choices. So, the raffle animal for this year's State Fair, will be an 11 year old John Mule, about 14.2 hands, so a wee bit shorter than Sweet Pea (last year's mule). We'll get tickets ordered and available shortly after Ride Day.

As Ride weekend gets closer, there's lots of events happening, we've discovered some are slipping through the cracks and not getting turned into the Coordinator, it's very important they get turned in a few days prior to the event, so Carole can get them listed for insurance coverage. It would be a disaster to ever have a claim filed to find the event wasn't covered by insurance.

I'm sure most of you know that our Coordinator, Carole is retiring soon after Ride day. We have several good applicants and are conducting interviews 1st part of March and hope to be able to introduce you to a new Coordinator on Ride Day at Camp or at the Victory Dance.

Please be careful & travel safe with all the Rides while making your way to Camp on the 25th & 26th. Hope to see you all then!

Tom Nehl

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Newton native selected Junior Cowgirl Queen attendant at fair

Newton Daily News

Emily Miller, daughter of Rick and Kim Miller of Newton Was named first runner-up attendant in the Junior Cowgirl Queen Contest Aug. 14 at the Iowa State Fair.

Miller, who represented the Marshall County Pony Express Club, competed against 80 other queens for the coveted title. She had to borrow a fellow 4-H'ers horse to compete due to an unexpected injury to her horse a few days prior to the Iowa State Fair.

Lane Arrowood, a family friend, offered his horse for Miller to use to compete at the last minute. Miller was able to get only about 90 minutes of ride time with the horse before exhibiting in the Jacobsen Center on Friday night in front of approximately 4,000 people.

Miller was judged on her showing and horsemanship ability, as well as asked to answer a question from a panel of three judges. The night of judging ended with Miller doing her cowgirl queen salute for the crowd.

Miller has represented the Pony Express as one of the queens for the past three years. Last year, she made the final cut of top 20, and this year was able to make the Queen's Court. Miller will be a junior this fall at Newton High School.

Pony Express is a network of volunteers who raise funds to benefit Easter Seals Iowa Camp Sunnyside, that assist individuals with disabilities. To learn more about the Pony Express Riders of IA, visit:

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org



Courtesy of Newton Dailey News & submitted by Marshall County Pony Express



Raffle

2016 John Deere XUV 550

or

\$2,000 cash option

\$1 Per Ticket



Emma Fleshner, Grundy County Chair, did a lunch at her Dad's work place on her day off from school and raised over \$400 making walking tacos. Way to go Emma, keep up the good work, young lady. We appreciate all you do to help folks who need assistance from Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside!

Calendar of Events



Tama

Annual St. Paddy's Dance & Dinner with Live & Silent Auction March 19th

Held in Lincoln Iowa @ the AmVets. Music by Milk & Honey. Huge auction including several Handsome Cowboys! Farmers, remember this auction is a great time to purchase seed corn & beans for your 2016 planting! Fun or all, plan to attend. Watch web site for a flyer with all the details!

Tri County

Auction Feb. 20 7 PM—9 PM

At the Royal Flush, DSM Any auction items would be greatly appreciated

Ride Weekend—Good Friday Dance March 25th

Lake Robbins Ballroom, Woodward

Grundy

Annual Auction @ Aplington Horse Sale February 20th Auction items sold to benefit Grundy Co. Pony Express are sold between

New & used Tack, approximately 11 AM. To contribute or donate items, please do so by contacting Emma Fleshner via, dad, Chris @ 319-415-5212

Three Rivers

Collections, Dance & Auction March 12 All in Osage, watch

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org for details

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Dance/Auction March 12 7PM-Midnight Shenandoah Elks, music by DJ

Dance Feb. 27th 8 PM to Midnight

Wibholm Hall, Clarinda Fairgrounds BYOB, Brooke Turner & Rock'n D Boys

Cass

Dance & Auction Feb. 27th 8 PM– 12

Cumberland Community Center, Gypsywind Band

Pottawattamie

Dance/Auction Feb. 20 8 PM

Treynor Community Center

Palo Alto

Annual White Elephant Auction March 12 5 PM

Auction begins at 5 PM, Karaoke to follow, DANCE 8 PM to Midnight, all at the Duck Stop in Mallard

Guest Bartending for Tips & Karaoke March 5th

6 PM to ?? At the Pitchers Saloon in Whittemore

Boone/Story

Dance with Band, Auction, Raffle Feb. 20 5PM– 2:00 AM

Food & adult beverages available, held at the Boone County Fairgrounds

Boone/Story's Madrid Group

Annual Pony Bowl March 5th Tiger Lanes in Madrid

Watch www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org for flyer

Hardin

Dance & Auction March 19 Steamboat Rock School-house, dance to Route 66

Bremer

Dance March 12 Doc's in Clarksville, band is Wichita

Collections in Clarksville on Good Friday, March 25th

Sac

Auction & Supper to Follow Sat., March 19th 2 PM

Laney's Corral, 319 Main St. Lake View, IA Sponsored by the Lake Riders Saddle Club

Other Dates to Remember!

March 4th—6th, Iowa Deer Classic at the Iowa Event Center Irena Mc Williams is doing this again this year, and would like to request the help of our Pony Express Queens and other volunteers to sell the John Deere Gator raffle tickets, please call her @ 641-660-3177 to let her know when you can help.

May 1st, 2016 Board Meeting 9 AM Camp Conf. Rm General Membership - Annual Meeting 1:00 Main Lodge. Board of Directors meeting immediately following

River Valley Weekend June 10, 11 & 12

Lots of good food & family fun planned Call Carolyn 319-878-3888 to make your camping reservations. Watch www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org for flyer