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From the President

Hello Everyone,

What an amazing Ride day we had!! Not only did we exceed our annual goal, but we surpassed the \$10 million mark. On Good Friday, riders from all over the State of Iowa began a joint journey to Des Moines. On Saturday, March 26, 2016 our parade from John Deere Ankeny to Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside was lead by our President-Elect Tim Allen, Marlene Scarlett, and Double D Pony Express Rodeo Queen Tiffany Pease. Following them were 3 wagons full of Camp Sunnyside Campers and over 150 riders. What an amazing sight on a rainy Saturday.

Our Victory Dance at Lake Robbins was a huge celebration and success. All this is only possible through the passion and dedication of our volunteers. I would like to thank all of you for volunteering your time and efforts for an amazing cause. I want to also thank Carole Bailey for close to ten years of service to the Pony Express Riders of Iowa. Carole, we all wish you a wonderful and well deserved retirement full of camping, riding and time with Jeff. I would like to introduce our new State Coordinator, Jennifer Nolan, who is eager to move with Pony Express into our 50th year.

This coming year, the Pony Express will be celebrating 50 years. This is an exciting year for us! We have a 50th Anniversary Buckle to commemorate this accomplishment. We are in the process of re-creating the 3 original Pony Express Rides that started in the Spencer Area. We will have more information about this ride coming soon on our website and Facebook page. What an exciting year to be a part of the Pony Express Riders of Iowa!!

On May 1st, we will have a Board Member meeting at 9am, followed by our Annual Meeting at 1pm. Come support our organization and vote for open vacancies in our Board. This will be my last “Letter from the President”. In May my term ends and Tim Allen will be the new Pony Express Riders of Iowa President. He will bring great leadership to our organization.

I am looking forward to another successful year!! See everyone on the trails!

Tom Nehl

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Photo Right:
2016 Raffle Winner
Dan Elbert
Whittemore, Iowa
Dan was our 2016 Raffle
winner. Dan chose our
\$2000 Cash Option.
Congratulations Dan!!



Sealed Bids are being accepted for the 2016 John Deere ATV. Sealed Bids can be sent to the State Coordinator or a Board Member. Bids will be open on May 1st and announced at the May 1st Annual Meeting at 1pm.



Photo Left: We would like to welcome Jennifer Nolan as our new State Coordinator. She is a Pony Express member and has helped coordinate past rides. She was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Iowa in 2001. She has an Associates in Arts and Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies. She brings over 20 years of management experience and a passion for helping Iowans with disabilities. In the photo with her, is her significant other Ron Hoy and her daughter, Ally Nolan. They live on a farm in Bussey, IA. We are excited to have her with us, and look forward to her being a part of our team.



Photo Above
50th Anniversary Belt Buckle
Available for Pre-Order
Contact Jennifer Nolan
(515) 249-6376

2016 State Fair Raffle Meet Huck! 2005 Bay John Mule



Photo Below: President-Elect Tim Allen leading our Governor's Ride into Camp Sunnyside on our Raffle Mule, Huck.



Calendar of Events

Other Dates to Remember!



May 1, 2016
Board Meeting 9 AM Camp Conf. Room
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

Pony Express/Double D Rodeo
August 6th and 7th
Double D Rodeo Arena
Toledo, Iowa



Photo Above: Southwest Ride
Family Fun for a great cause!

Photo Below: Our Governor's Ride Welcome Sign into Camp Sunnyside!



Chickasaw County

Saturday, July 23rd
Saw Mill Golf
Nashua Fairgrounds
Watch website for updates.

Jasper County

Saturday, April 30th
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest
Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax

Lucas County

Saturday, June 4th
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest
Rain or shine, indoor arena available.
Murphy Arena in Melrose.

Marion County

Sunday, May 29th
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest
Marion County Fairgrounds, Knoxville

Marshall County

Memorial Day, May 30th
Horse Show & Queen Contest
Gilman Saddle Club Arena

Tama County

Sunday, June 5th
Horse Show & Queen Contest
DD Arena in Toledo

Tri-County

Saturday, April 30th
Pony Rides
Earl May Ankeny
10am - 3pm

Van Buren County

Saturday, June 25th
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest
Van Buren Fairgrounds in Keosauqua



Photo Above: Pony Express flag representing each of our Regions



Photo Above: New Hampton Ride



Photo Above: Dennis Dostal with his trolley and team going from Decorah to Waterloo.



Photo Above: New Hampton, Iowa

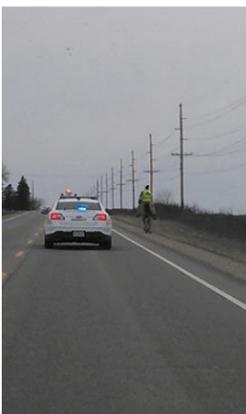


Photo Above: Each mile counts!



Photo Above: Steve Bomer and Dave



Photo Above: 3 Generations of Hancock County Pony Express Riders of Iowa riding through Kanawa



Photo Above:

PONY EXPRESS ROUTE



Photo Above: Welcome to Camp Sunnyside!



Photo Above: Looking great!



Photo Above: Onlookers enjoying the Pony Express



Photo Above: Dickenson County



Photo Above: Riding through Conrad, IA



Photo Left: Pony Express Double D Rodeo Queen, Tiffany Pease at the Iowa Horse Fair with several other Queens from around the state.

Photo Right: Friends along the ride!



Photo Left: Family Fun!

Photo Right: Let's Ride!



Photo Above: Clarinda Parade

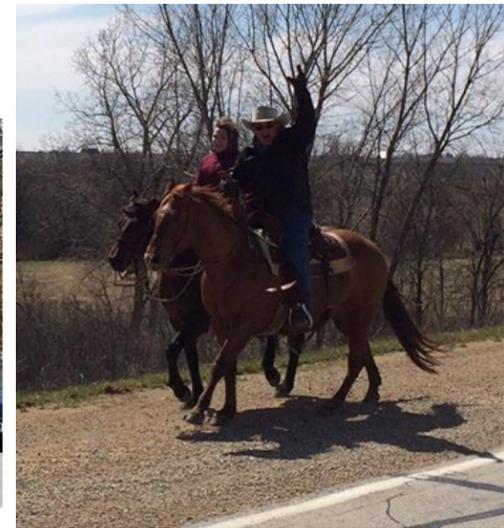


Photo Above: Jasper and Polk County Queens selling ATV tickets.



Photo Above: Victory Dance Happy Retirement, Carole!

Photo Right: Special thanks to our State and County Officers for accompanying us along the way!



Photo Left: Steve Bomer on first horse for his ride.

Photo Right: We can't forget the beautiful horses and mules that carry us every mile to Camp Sunnyside!



Photo Above: Randy Koenig and Ron Hoy coming into Camp Sunnyside

Photo Right: Jeff Christiansen coming into Camp Sunnyside



Photos Right and Left: Clarinda Parade

