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From the President

Hello everyone,

This is the 50th Year that Pony Express has held the Annual Ride Day. Because of that we are going to celebrate a little bigger. There will be a recreation of the first Pony Express run on March 25th in Spencer. See inside for details. There will be a king sized quilt auctioned at the Victory Dance. There are still 50 year buckles available. Check at Camp to get yours. Buckle number 1 will be auctioned off at the Recreation Ride in Spencer and the number 50 buckle will be auctioned a the Victory Dance. The ATV/Trailer raffle will end on April 15th. Bring all your tickets and money to ride day.

In other news, we have hired a new Pony Express State Coordinator. Please help to welcome Jason Reinertson. You can read a little more about him on page 6. Then make sure to introduce yourself to him and his family on Ride Day.

Tim Allen

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<http://www.circlecsigns.com/PEClothing.html>



There are still some buckles available to reserve by calling 515-202-0954.

Buckles purchased may be picked up at Camp on Ride Day or at the Victory Dance that evening, if other arrangements need to be made, please call 515-249-6376

The #1 Buckle will be auctioned at the 50th Year Celebration in Spencer at the Dance on March 25th. Unable to attend, place your bid by calling, 515-320-5293, 712-298-0270, 712-260-0327, 515-341-2514, 712-363-3870

#50 Buckle will be auctioned at the Pony Express Victory Dance at Lake Robbins on April 15th.

Important Ride Day Information

Motel Info: Quality Inn & Suites, 4995 Merle Hay Road, is giving the Pony Express a reduced rate for rooms, the cost is \$61.00 plus tax per room. You must say you're a Pony Express member to get this rate when calling 515-278-2381 for reservations, and because we've had a few abuse this in the past, it's possible that you may be asked to present your membership card at the time of check in. (see membership below)

Memberships: So be sure you have your membership card with you, and remember annual memberships are due to be renewed on Ride Day each year. If you are already a member but need a new card these can be issued at Camp on Ride Day.

Bussing: Bus tickets available at Camp, because the bus service we've used in the past was bought out by a different company, it was necessary to change the cost of the tickets from \$3 to \$5. Ride the bus to & from the Motel & Lake Robbins, please don't risk drinking & driving! Leaves Motel at 6:30 & 7:30. Leaves Lake Robbins at Midnight and 1:00am.

Calendar of Events

Winneshiek

Benefit Dance April 7th, sponsored by the **Winneshiek Saddle Club**
Nob Hill, north of Decorah
Dancing to the **Buck Hollow Band** from 7 to 11 PM, Everyone Welcome, \$5 advance tickets or \$8 at the door. For information or advance tickets call 563-382-2019

Tri County

Pony Rides At Ankeny Earl May
March 25th 9 AM -2 PM

Tama Co

March 18th
Dance, Dinner & Auction
Dinner 5-7 Free will offering
Dance 7pm-Midnight
Lincoln AmVet Hall

June 4th

Horse Show & Queen Contest
Details to follow

Sac County

Pony Express Auction, sponsored by the Lake Riders Saddle Club
April 8th at 2 PM, supper to follow
Laney's Corral, 319 Main St., Lake View
See www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org for flyer

Palo Alto

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Emmetsburg
Call 712-298-0270 or 515-320-5293 for details

Grundy

3rd Annual Pony Express Auction at Aplington Horse Sale March 18th
9 AM—3 PM, silent auction bids @ Main Entrance, also baked goods by Emma until gone. Live Auction items at approximately 11 AM in the Main Sale Arena

Hardin

Dance & Auction April 8th
Dance to **Route 66** from 8 PM to Midnight
At Steamboat Rock School House

Fayette

Fill the Boot Collections & Parades on April 14th
Collections in West Union And Olwein
Parades in West Union, Fayette, Maynard and Olwein
Call 563-422-3459 for more information

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Aril 8th Dance to Brooke Turner & Band
At the Wibholm Hall in Clarinda starting at 8:00 PM

Annual Good Friday Dance & Auction (April 14th) Hosted by Tri County Pony Express

Dance to Breakin Ground from 8:00 PM to Midnight at Lake Robbins Ballroom, \$5 cover, age 10 & under Free, Food available to purchase

Statewide Victory Dance April 15th

Lake Robbins Ballroom, Woodward
Doors open at 6 PM for those who wish to eat supper
Dance to Crystal Blue Band, featuring the Hebron's
From 8 PM to midnight, breakfast served immediately following.

Dates to Remember!

May 7th, 2017

Board Meeting 9am Camp Conference Room
General Membership - Annual Meeting 1:00 Main Lodge.
Board of Directors meeting immediately following

June 9-11, 2017

River Valley Weekend
Another great weekend planned, lots of Fun, awesome trails, great food & Dance / Karaoke & Auction, entertainment for the Entire Family.
Check out the Pony Express website in April for all the details, but in the mean time, don't forget to Call Carolyn at 319-878-3888 to make your reservation, campsites & stalls will fill up fast, don't miss out on a great weekend!

August 4th & 5th, 2017

Pony Express/Double D Rodeo
Watch www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org and future newsletters for more information

2017 Ride Weekend Raffle 2016 Polaris UTV & 2017 H&H Cargo Trailer



**2016 Polaris Ranger UTV 900
Crew Cab
&
2017 H&H 16' XL Cargo Trailer
or
\$2,000 cash option**

\$5 Per Ticket
**Get tickets from your Regional VP or
Your Local Board Member**

A special "Thank You" to Lane & Heidi of Mid National Graphics, for again, doing all the graphics !

*50th
Year
Anniversary*

More Detailed Information about Ride Day Routes & Activities

NE IOWA

April 14 - Friday
 Ride #5 starts in Winneshiek Co. 8am
 Proceeds along Hwy 150 to all towns
 Collections points at Calmar, West Union
 Oelwein and Independence arriving by Noon
 Riders needed and welcomed along the way.
 Proceed to Evansdale by 2:30pm
 Collection Point at Evansdale (Evans & LaFayette) 9am to 3pm
 Parade from Evansdale to Waterloo City Hall 3pm
 Meet Mayor Hart of Waterloo at 4pm
 Proceed to Hudson (downtown) by 5pm
 Horses, Riders and wagons needed at 3pm in Evansdale
 Information: Contact Darrell Ludwig 319-240-5317

Pony Express Riders of Iowa
 Annual Ride for Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside

Ride #5 Co-Chairmen
 Bill Ludwig Darrell Ludwig
 3742 Loralin Dr. 3523 N. Union Rd.
 Waterloo, IA 50701 Cedar Falls, IA 50613
 319-291-3976 319-277-2413
 319-240-0861 cell 319-240-5317 cell

Friday April 14, 2017		Saturday April 15, 2017	
	Leaving time		Leaving time
Decorah 8:00 am		Breakfast in Morrison	
Calmar	9:00am	Morrison	9:00am
West Union	10:00am	GC East Park	9:15am
Fayette	10:30am	Grundy Center	10:00am
Oelwein	11:30am		
Independence	1:00pm	Conrad	10:30am
Evansdale	3:00pm		
Waterloo	4:00pm	To Camp	



Hello everyone! I am Jason Reinertson. I have just recently accepted the position of Pony Express Riders of Iowa State Coordinator. I have been involved in Pony Express Riders of Iowa since 1976. My father, Shorty, was on the board. My wife, Marilyn, was on the board and a past president. We have 2 daughters. The oldest one was on her first Pony Express ride when she was 3 weeks old. So as you can see my whole family has a passion for Pony Express and Camp Sunnyside. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas that you may have. I can't wait to start working with all of you and keep raising money for the cause! Pony Express-Say that name with Pride!!!! Here is my contact info:
 jreinertson@eastersealsia.org
 515-249-6376

- April 15th - Grundy Co. Ride Day Events
- Morrison Ladies Benefit Breakfast at the Grundy County Conservation Building 7:30 AM – 9AM
 - Pony Express Riders Parade in Grundy Center, IA 9:15 AM Start at the East End of Town
 - Pony Express Riders Parade in Conrad, IA 10:15 AM Start at the School Parking Lot

Pony Express Riders of Iowa Celebrates 50 Years

On March 25th, 1967, Stub Johnson, Leo Gray, and Wayne Nielsen created The Pony Express Riders of Iowa. They each rode a one hundred mile loop starting and ending in Spencer, collecting money to be donated to the Iowa Easter Seals. Over the years, the Pony Express has expanded to include the whole state of Iowa, raising over \$10,047,004.00 for Camp Sunny Side.

On March 25, 2017, Pony Express Riders of Iowa will re-create the ride routes that Stub, Leo, and Wayne rode fifty years ago! All three routes will start at the Clay County Fairgrounds. We will be meeting by the horse barn and the outdoor arena and will be leaving PROMPTLY at 7:30am.

Route One will go west on W 4th St/350th St out of Spencer to Everly, north across Hwy 18 to L40 by Sanborn, L40 up to Hwy 9 by Sibley, Hwy 9 over to 86 west of Spirit Lake and then down Hwy 71 back to Spencer. Josh Ries is the contact person for this ride. 712-363-3870.

Route Two will head south out of Spencer on the industrial blacktop to Royal, down to Peterson and Linn Grove, over to Sioux Rapids and Marathon, from Marathon over to Laurens and then up to B53, from B53 over to M50 and back to Spencer. Donnie Essick is the contact person for this ride. 712-260-0327.

Route Three will head east out of Spencer on East 18th Street out to M50, and then across 350th St down to Hwy 18, Hwy 18 over to Emmetsburg where they will get on N40 and go north to Graettinger, then over to Hwy 4 to Estherville, across Hwy 9 to N14, then south on N14 to 300th St over to Hwy 71 and south into Spencer. Paxton Reese is the contact person for this ride. 712-298-0270.

All three rides will end at Oneota Park in Spencer around 4pm. At that time we will be parading into the fairgrounds.

Once at the fairgrounds, Stubs Red Barn will be the place to be. Jackson's Hometown Café will cater a meal around 7pm.

At 8pm there will be a dance featuring MoJo Productions DJ. During the dance there will be a short auction, at which time the number 1 (of 100) 50th Year Anniversary buckle will be auctioned off. Cover charges for the meal and the dance are as follows: \$10/person or \$15/couple with 10 and under free.

You do not have to be a rider to come enjoy the supper and dance!

Sponsors/donors will get four free admission tickets for a \$100 donation, or eight tickets for a donation of \$200 or more. Donations should be made out to Pony Express Riders of Iowa and sent to: Kate Ries, 115 Beech St., Sutherland, IA, 51058. And remember, all donations to the Pony Express are tax deductible.

There will be camping and stalls available (for a small fee) for riders wanting to stay Friday and/or Saturday nights. Reservations need to be made with Tim Allen.

For more information on this event please contact Pony Express Riders of Iowa President, Tim Allen at 515-320-5293, or NW Region Board member, Josh Ries at 712-363-3870.

Tenative Ride Routes & Times April 14th & 15th

Ride Routes are subject to change, for further information please contact appropriate RIDE CHAIRPERSON!!!

RIDE 1		RIDE 4A		RIDE 8	
Friday		Friday		Friday	
Leave Bancroft	7:30 AM	Leave Osage & State Line	8:00 AM	Leave Mc Donalds	8:00 AM
Travel HWY 169		Leave Manley	10:00 AM	Arrive Red Oak	10:00 AM
Arrive Algona	10:00 AM	Leave Mason City	12:00 PM	Leave Corning	3:00 PM
Arrive Humboldt	11:00 AM	Arrive Hampton	3:00 PM	Arrive Hwy. 34 & 49	4:00 PM
Arrive Fort Dodge	NOON	Arrive Iowa Falls	5:00 PM	Arrive Creston	5:00 PM
Arrive Dayton Corner	3:00 PM	Parade w/Ride 4	5:30 PM	Saturday	
Arrive Boxholm	3:30 PM	RIDE 5		Leave Creston	7:30 AM
Arrive Perry	5:00 PM	Friday		Arrive Winterset	11:00 AM
Saturday		Decorah	8:00 AM	Arrive DeSoto	1:00 PM
Leave Perry	8:30	Calmar	9:00 AM	Ride 7	
Arrive Hwy 44 & 169	9:30 AM	West Union	10:00AM	Friday	
(Black's Corner)		Fayette	10:30AM	Leave Sidney	7:00 AM
Leave Hwy 44 & 169	10:30 AM	Oelwein	11:30 AM	Leave Bradyville	8:00 AM
Arrive Grimes	11:00 AM	Independence	1:00 PM	Arrive Clarinda	9:00 AM
Leave Grimes	12:30 PM	Evonsdale	1:30 PM	Arrive Bedford	Noon
Arrive John Deere	1:00 PM	Waterloo	3:00 PM	Arrive Hwy 34 & 49	3:30PM
RIDE 2		Hudson		Join Ride 8	
Saturday		Saturday		RIDE 10	
Leave Webster City	7:00 AM	Leave Hudson	8:00 AM	Friday	
Arrive Luther	NOON	Morrison		Leave Mallard	8:00 AM
RIDE 3		Grundy Center		Arrive Pocahontas	8:30 AM
Friday		Conrad		Arrive Jefferson	3:00 AM
Leave Garner	1:00 PM	Camp		Saturday	
Arrive Britt	2:00 PM	Please see other side for more details		Leave Jefferson	8:00 AM
Arrive Kanawha	3:45 PM	RIDE 6		Arrive Boone	10:00 AM
Saturday		Friday		Arrive Madrid	11:00 AM
Leave Kanawha	7:00 AM	Boneparte	8:00 AM	Arrive Polk City	1:00
Arrive Clarion	8:30 AM	Keosauqua		RIDE 10A	
Arrive Jewell	11:30 AM	Bloomfield		Friday	
RIDE 4		Ottumwa		Leave Lake Park	8:00 AM
Friday		Albia		Arrive Spirit Lake	10:30 AM
Leave Lime Springs & Cresco	7:45 AM	Saturday		Arrive Milford	3:30 PM
Arrive County Line	9:00 AM	Chariton	8:00 AM	RIDE 10B	
Parade in		Knoxville		Friday	
New Hampton	9:30 AM	proceed to Camp		Leave Milford	8:00 AM
Arrive V14 & 346	12:15 PM	Ride 6A		Arrive Fostoria	8:25 AM
leave Clarksville	2:00 AM	Friday		Arrive Spencer North Y	8:45 AM
Arrive Dumont	3:15 PM			Arrive Dickens	9:15 AM
Arrive Austinville	4:00 PM	6A riders Welcome to Ride with		Arrive Ruthven	10:00 AM
Arrive Ackley	4:30 PM	Ride 6, not a mile for mile ride		Leave Ruthven	10:30 AM
Parade Iowa Falls	5:15 PM	but parading town squares		Arrive Emmetsburg	11:00 AM
Saturday		call Ride chair for details		RIDE 11	
Leave Iowa Falls	8:00 AM	RIDE 6A		Friday	
Arrive Hubbard	9:00 AM	Friday		Meet Everly	8:00 AM
Arrive Colo	10:00 AM			Meet Royal	9:00 AM
Arrive Nevada	11:00 AM			Meet Peterson	9:30 AM
Arrive Polk County Line	12:30			Meet Spencer	1:00 PM
Arrive John Deere	2:15 PM				

Ride 1 Chairperson

Charley Scarlett 515-975-8477

Joel Wilson 515-709-0220

Marlene DuVall 515-975-8525

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Sue Walters 515-832-1877

Ride 3 Chairperson

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Ride 9, riding with Ride 7

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Ride 10A Chairperson

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Ride 10B Chairperson

Luke Zalaznik...712-260-0969

Ride 11 Chairperson

Don Essick Jr. 712-260-0327



VICTORY DANCE AUCTION

In honor of our 50th year Jane James and friends have hand stitched this beautiful quilt to be auctioned off during the Victory Dance at Lake Robbins on April 15th. It is a king sized approximately 9 ft by 9 ft.