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From the President

Good Day My Friends,

Hope everything is well at your house and everyone is doing fine.

The farmers are out in the field at full force. I hear some of the crop is doing better than expected and some “not so good”.

The horse at the State Fair was a blast. He got so bored while stalled that he was picking on those selling tickets. His “curious George” personality really showed up, he kept folks guessing what shenanigan he was going to pull next, people in the crowd would stop to watch his little pranks and then buy tickets. The little kids loved to stop by to pet him, and he was great with them, & very accommodating, lowering his head so they could reach him. We want to THANK Robi & Todd Whitfield for donating the horse.

We all need to get back in the grind for Pony– the summer is over and we need to get our fall & winter events to Carole, we need to work hard to BEAT last year’s goal. Let’s do what we do Best for Camp Sunnyside!

Stephen Bomer

Congratulations to:

*Jason Johnson & Dakota Higgins, of Cylinder,
united in marriage August 25th*

*&
Leann & Ryan Voyles, welcomed a new baby boy,
Colten Edward Voyles on June 26th*

Nov. 10th Committee Meetings
Starting at Noon

Nov. 11th Board of Directors Meeting 9 AM
Mailing Schedule & Agenda to Committee &
Board members

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Amy Turner, shown below after receiving the Governor's Volunteer Award. Shown with her parents, Mike & Sherri Turner and grandmother Inez DeMoss, all of Knoxville, and Sherri Nielson, Easter Seals President/CEO. Even though Amy is attending college, she is still a very active volunteer, and dedicated to raising funds for Easter Seals with her work with the Marion/Jasper County Pony Express. Some of you may recall her involvement with the horse shows with the Cowgirl Queen contests & the fact that she was the first young lady to compete at the Iowa State Fair as a Pony Express Queen. Congratulations Amy for earning this award!!!



Oren Roorda of Pella, was the lucky winner of this summer's horse raffle. Oren had purchased tickets every day during the fair & was delighted and a bit speechless when his ticket was drawn on Sunday at noon. We believe for the first time in the history of this raffle, the winner was present at the drawing! Oren chose to be "George's" new owner rather than to take the Visa Card.



It's been a busy summer for 9 year old, Jaycee Hughes after winning the title of Marion County Pony Express Princess. She has dedicated her summer to raising funds and awareness for the Marion County Pony Express and Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Shown in the photo above, Jaycee gave a presentation at the Noon Kiwanis in Knoxville. Some of her other summer activities included, helping with pony rides at Ag in the City, representing Pony Express in the Nationals Parade, and selling horse raffle tickets at the Iowa State Fair. What a great little ambassador for our organization, Keep up the Good work, Jaycee!

Important Reminder

Carole needs a copy of **EVERY** savings or checking account for the ending of May 2012 for the accountant. We are missing just a few needed to complete our 990 Report. So, please see that she gets a copy immediately if she doesn't already have one for your county. This is mandatory for us to comply with Federal Tax Regulations.

Great Way to Keep Updated about Easter Seals & Camp Sunnyside

I'd like to encourage all of our Pony Express Members & Volunteers to "LIKE" them on their official Face Book page, the official page you should LIKE is Easter Seals Iowa & Camp Sunnyside.

You can also sign up to receive their newsletter once a month, by doing so on their home page or email your name, zip code & email address to: info@eastersealsia.org

Calendar of Events



Tama

Horse & Mule Fun Show Oct. 21st

Double D Rodeo Arena, Toledo

Flyers available on the news page at

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Tri County

Golf Outing Sept. 23rd 8 AM

Terrace Hill in Altoona, for info 515-202-0954

Pony Rides Oct. 6th 10 AM

Earl May in Ankeny

Lucas

Poker Run & Appreciation Day Oct. 13th

At Stephens Forest, poker run leaves 10 AM, \$5 per hand, 50% payback

5 PM, chili, hot dogs, pop or water provided

Marion/Jasper

Horse & Mule Fun Show Sept. 30th

Jasper County Fairgrounds arena in Colfax

Flyers available on the news page at

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org or call

515-681-8409 or 515-979-6433

Collection Point Oct. 20 8 AM– Noon

Wal Mart & HWY 14 intersection, Knoxville

Farm & Home Demo Days Oct. 20

Selling John Deere XUV tickets

Living Windows Display Nov. 15

Knoxville Square

Three Rivers

PONY EXPRESS OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

Games, Food, Fun Oct. 6-7th

Located near Osage, detailed flyer available

on the News Page of website:

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

or call 641-832-7149

Clayton

Little Port Trail Ride Oct. 6th

Call Curt at 563-920-8783 for more info



2012 John Deere XUV 550

The Pony Express Riders of Iowa are partnering with Barker Implement for the next raffle. The drawing will be at the Victory Dance on March 30th. The unit has been ordered & should be in our possession sometime Mid October. The tickets have also been ordered and should be available to start selling by the end of September.

Busy Summer Months

River Valley: Third annual weekend at River Valley was again a huge success raising over \$9,000. Thanks to everyone who helped and those who came to share in the fun. Kudos to Steve & Carolyn Kokjohn for again rolling out the "red carpet" providing such an awesome place for us to hold this annual event. We're already making plans and some changes for next year's fast growing event!

State Fair Horse Raffle: Many thanks to the Whitfield family for donating "Curious George" Because of their generosity, his personality & the fact that Pony Express didn't have to pay out a *cash prize* Our profit was \$4,000+, over last year's profit.

Pony Express/DD Rodeo: 2nd Annual Rodeo Partnership, held first weekend of August. Busy times, hard work & lots of rodeo fun! The thunderstorm early Saturday morning, caused a bit more work, as the tent over the dance floor & beer garden had to be set up a second time. The sheep scramble caused a few youngsters to be "stuck in the mud" & the cowboys entered in the wild horse race, well..... let's just say "the horses won"

Other Activities & Events: The word from several counties, is that the horse shows, poker runs & pony rides etc. have gone well. Noticed on face book that the Waubonsie poker run & chili feed raised over \$1600. There are still a few fall horse shows & poker runs scheduled..... be sure to attend & support these events, and then on to planning those fall events! Be sure to turn fall & winter events into Carole for publication on the web site & newsletters, as well as for Insurance coverage.