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# The Pony Express Carrier



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## From the President

Another gorgeous morning in the heartland! It's that time of year when the air has that crisp clean feel to it. Get out as much as you can because we all know what's next. The harvest around here is pretty much finished and tillage work is progressing nicely.

It's time we all turn our attention toward our fall and winter fundraising. We have always come up with so many new and fun, successful events and I'm sure this year will be another great year for your Great Organizations.

This fall has brought a lot of changes to our lives. As I have said in last month's currier, I am retiring from farming. It is quite a change, but I am looking forward to doing some traveling and just plain enjoying my family and friends. You just never know where we might pop up and how long we might stay.

My second term as your president is coming to an end. I look at this with so many emotions. First, it will be good to step back for awhile and enjoy being on the other side of the desk, but also I'll miss the calls from Carole, "Have you done your letter?" Please join me in support for Boomer and all the new ideas he and his administration might come up with. Good Luck Steve!

I plan to take some time to enjoy our grandbabies and watch them grow and learn everyday. Oh yea, for those of you that haven't heard, I shot another huge whitetail. This time it was during the Missouri whitetail season. If you want details, I love to share my story, and it gets better every time I tell it.

Don't forget your Polaris tickets when you're out and about and at your events.  
Somewhere down the trail

Bob

The Pony Express Riders would like to thank the Leonard Wingerd family for the generous donation made to Pony Express in memory of his brother Jay.

*Wishing Everyone A Very  
MERRY CHRISTMAS & a  
Happy, Healthy New Year!*

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## The Pony Express Riders of Iowa, Inc.

I'd like to be a member of the Pony Express Riders of Iowa.  
Please enroll me as:

New Member  Renewal

Life Member (18 and over)  
\$30 - voting

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributing Member  
\$10 - voting

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member  
\$5 - 2 votes maximum

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Member  
\$5 - voting

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member (17 & under)  
\$.50 - non-voting

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Calendar of Events



Amy Turner & 6 of the 12, 2011 Pony Express Cowgirl Queens were present to receive the *Stub & Vi Johnson Volunteer Group of the Year Award*, at Easter Seals' 85th Annual Meeting & Awards presentation on October 20th.

These young ladies competed at county Pony Express horse shows to win their titles & be eligible to compete again at the Iowa State Fair, representing their county's Pony Express group. Part of the requirements are that they be current members and active in fundraising for Pony Express. Believe me, when I say these gals take their duties very seriously, and are very involved with fundraising events, such as helping with pony rides, roadblocks (as you can see from the additional photos taken in Oct.) as well as many other functions. What a pleasure it is for all of us, to see so many young people becoming involved in our 44 year strong organization.

We'd like to Thank these young people, their parents, grandparents, family members & friends who help them support the Pony Express Riders of Iowa & Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside!

Back Row, left to right. Dennis Burns, Bob Mc Williams, Tish Pol, Makenzie Messick, Rillee Proffitt, Kate DeHaan, Eric Taylor

Front Row: Cassidy Larson, Halsay Morecock, Amy Turner



Not sure if this little guy is helping Inez DeMoss (SE Board member) sell Ranger tickets or having one for a snack???



## Highlights from Board of Directors Meeting, held November 13th

**By Laws Change:** the Board approved a By Laws change, this change consists of simply changing our fiscal year, the fiscal year will end on May 31st each year, rather than August 31st. This change will eventually make our book keeping simpler, since our fiscal year will end just shortly after Ride Day each year, and this change will also alleviate the problem of trying to project what our annual total will be, with expected funds coming in between ride day & August 31st.

**Motel:** the Board reviewed a proposal for another motel, and has instructed Carole to obtain a bit more information & report back at the January meeting for a Board vote. If anyone has another motel they'd like considered, please get the info to Carole as soon as possible, so she can gather the info and present to the Board for the vote.

**Victory Dance:** Victory Dance will again be held at Lake Robbins. Due to Clutterbilly's split up, we are in need of a Band, if you know of a band you'd like considered, please contact a member of the Entertainment Committee. Lane @ 515-795-2072, Kim @ 515-202-0965, or Monte @ 515-438-2952.

**Horse Raffle:** Todd & Robi Whitfield of SW Ia, offered to donate a 5 year old, registered quarter horse bay gelding for the 2012 horse raffle. The Board reviewed all the information, and voted to accept their offer which included, keeping him free of charge until Ride Day or shortly before. Tickets of course, will not be available for sale until after Ride Day's drawing of the Ranger.

**Rodeo:** After the Board reviewed facts & figures presented by the Rodeo Committee, the motion was made & vote passed to partner with Double D Rodeo again this next year. The rodeo in August of 2011 was a success & profitable, the only problem being having done the rodeo on such short notice and the lack of help. This is a "statewide event" being held in Toledo, so we'd like to encourage everyone to help us do bigger & better things at this year's Rodeo on August 3rd & 4th. Please call Carole to volunteer your help! 515-249-6376

### Lucas

**Nov. 25th 7PM Lighted Christmas Parade, Chariton Downtown Square & Team drawn WAGON RIDES** starting at 6 PM until parade & again after. Anyone wishing to participate, please call Melvin at 641-203-1551  
**December 3rd Selling Ranger Tickets** Russell Livestock Sale Barn (winning ticket was sold here last year for the Kubota)

### Page/Fremont

**Dance March 17th 8 PM- ??**  
 Dance to *Brooke Turner, Last Band on Earth* At the Wibholm Hall at the Page County Fairgrounds in Clarinda

**Save the Date**  
**For the 3rd Annual**  
**PONY EXPRESS WEEKEND**  
**June 8, 9, & 10th, 2012**

At River Valley Campground, Farmington, IA. Details to follow, but be sure to save the date & plan to attend a weekend packed full of Fun Family Activities, great food, & just good times guaranteed Rain or Shine!

### Saddle Up Meetings

**NE Region: January 7, 2012 1:00**  
**location TBD**

**SE Region: January 13, 2012 7 PM**  
**Checkerboard in Pleasantville, meal on your own**

**SW Region: January 14, 2012 7 PM**  
**Skyline Lodge, Thurman, come early for supper on your own**

**NW Region: Feb. 5th 1:00**  
**Pizza Ranch in Emmetsburg, come early for lunch on your own**

### Boone/Story (the Madrid Bunch)

**Pony Fish (ice fishing contest) January 14th Noon to 2**  
 Registration at 11, for information call Lane, 515-250-1839  
**5th Annual Pony Bowl March 3rd**  
 Tiger Bowl in Madrid, call 515-250-1839 for details  
**1st Pony Pedal March 31st, watch for details**

### Tri County

**Pony Bowl March 17th 2:30-4:30**  
 DSM Plaza Lanes, for more info call Kim at 515-202-0954  
**Royal Flush Auction Feb. 18th 7-9 PM**

### Harrison

**Dance March 2nd 8 PM—??**  
 Held at the Magnolia Community Center, \$6 Admission

**Save the Date**  
**For the Pony Express/DD Rodeo**  
**August 3rd & 4th, 2012**  
 More details to follow, but mark your calendar, plan vacation or whatever you need to do to be able to attend and volunteer for this great weekend of Rodeo Fun & Tradition!



Easter Seals National has chosen former Governor Robert Ray to receive the 2011 Outstanding Advocates Award. Easter Seals created this award to honor public officials for their work to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Gov. Ray has dedicated over 50 years of volunteer service to Easter Seals Iowa & Camp Sunnyside. Gov. Ray has & continues to work hard to advocate for individuals with disabilities & so was presented this award at the 85th Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation.

Shown here with Jennifer Gribble, Easter Seals Board Chair & Threase Harms, Board Member.