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From the President

WOW! Where did the time go? It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, not. What's Christmas without snow? I'm sure it will be wonderful for travel, etc, but the kids that want sleds for Christmas, I think you are out of luck.

Seriously, it's time we stop and reflect on the past year and take time to be with friends and family at this joyous time of the year. For me this past year has brought a lot of change, most of which I wasn't ready for, the biggest change being the death of my dad. It definitely hit us like a brick! First I made the decision to quit farming and rent out the farms. I was lucky enough to have a couple of neighbors who were willing to take on the responsibility of renting my ground. Now the next change, what was I going to do? At my age, you just don't go out and start a new career. So I was left with the choice to find another job or retiring. At this time retirement thing seems to be the best choice. Not sure if Irena and I will be able to handle having me under foot, but sure going to give it a go. Enough about me.

It's also the time of year to put the finishing touches on our fundraising events for the coming year. As I write this I can't help but wonder why we don't have trail rides in the winter months. Where I sit right now its 50 degrees and raining. Just joking. I'm sure soon enough this will change to snow and 50 will become 5 degrees. Get ready for the indoor fun. Please keep the good work up that ya'll are so great at.

When you're out and about don't forget to take your Polaris tickets with you. Let's show the public what we can do.

Don't forget to attend your saddle up meetings coming up in the next couple of months as we prepare for ride day.

As I write this, we are residing in extreme southeast Iowa. We are looking for a saddle club to join and fire them up about Pony Express Riders of Iowa. We are also looking to join the Friends of Shimek to help keep the trails of Shimek Forest clean and fun for all.

Please join me in remembering the "Reason for the Season". Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please be safe in all your travels.

Somewhere down the trail

Bob

Happy 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: _____

Mail To: _____

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Reminders!

As we get busy with our fundraising events in this New Year, there are a few things you may not know, or just need to be reminded of:

Donations: When receiving donations, whether it's cash or non cash items for auctions, or even services donated, if such donations are valued at \$250 or more, you need to report these to Carole, with name & address of donor, so that she sends them the appropriate tax form & retains a copy for the accountant. This form will also enable the donor to use the donation as a tax deduction.

Money Paid: When holding an event, if you pay someone for services, such as paying a Band for a dance, or paying for an establishment to hold an event, if payment is over \$600, again this needs to be reported to Carole, so she can make the appropriate reports to the accountant.

I know this makes a bit more work for all of us, but we have no choice in the matter, when it involves Iowa Tax Laws for non profit organizations. We are required to keep accurate records for our yearly 990 Report!

So, please don't forget to report these things to Carole: **Pony Express Riders of Iowa**
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515-289-1281 fax
cbailey@eastersealsia.org

Events: Please remember also that event information needs to be given to Carole to be published on the Web Site and in the Currier, as well as being turned into the Insurance company for coverage. **Deadline for the Currier is the 15th of the previous month.**

If you have an article, information, or photos for a successful event, please submit to be included in the Currier, can't hurt to share your ideas with others, after all, we're all working for the same "cause".

Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday January 8th at 10 AM



2012 Polaris Ranger 500
EFI (gas) 4 X 4

Tickets on sale currently for \$1 each, and will be sold until Ride Day, April 7th, 2012, drawing as always will be at our Victory Dance that evening.

The Ranger has already been a few places, displayed to help sell tickets. We have a space reserved to display & sell tickets again this year at the Iowa Deer Classic, held at the Iowa Events Center, Feb. 24th through the 26th. We are still in need of sponsors to help pay for our space rental, if you know of businesses that may be interested, please let Carole know.

If you have an event that you'd like to have the Ranger, please contact your Regional VP or Carole to make appropriate arrangements. It's hard for folks to resist buying tickets once they actually see the unit.

VP's & county chairs have tickets available to sell, but if or when you need more, contact Carole to get some sent to you. Why not check with your local saddle clubs, 4H groups, boy scouts etc. to see if they will help sell tickets for your area??? Often times they are looking for community service projects, ours is the perfect cause!

Calendar of Events



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

Pottawattamie

Dance & Auction Jan. 21st 8 to Midnight
 Oakland Community Center, music by the *Rhythm Kings*

Cass

Dance & Auction Feb. 25th 8 to Midnight
 Cumberland Community Bldg. Band *TBD*

Butler

Dance & Auction Feb. 11th 8 to Midnight
 Am Vets in Allison, Dance to *Borderline*

Three Rivers Pony Express hosting:

Texas Style Country Jam Barn Dance & Auction January 28th @ Kensett Community Center, starting at 2 PM
 Musicians, pickers, fiddlers, dancers & listeners welcome. Bar & Dance floor till 2 AM

Adams, Union & Taylor

Dance Feb. 11th 8 to Midnight
 Dance to *Brooke Turner & Rock N D Road Show* JO's in Corning, Auctions during breaks, food available.

Saddle Up Meetings

NE Region: January 7, 2012 1:00
Schucky's Bar & Grill (100 S. White Ave)
Alta Vista, come early for meal on your own

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 2012 (exact date TBD) 8 PM
 Held at the Magnolia Community Center, \$6 Admission

Iowa Deer Classic Feb. 24th through Feb.26th
Selling Polaris Ranger tickets

Friday, Feb. 24th 3 PM to 9 PM
Saturday, Feb. 25th 9 AM to 7 PM
Sunday, Feb. 26th 9 AM to 4 PM

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!

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!