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From the President

Howdy Pony Express People,

Seems like a lot of things going on right now. After a mild -mild winter we're getting a little cold and some snow. I have friends that went south to escape winter and then came home to enjoy it.

Coming up for Pony Express, we have a bunch of activities on the horizon. As I write this, we have a full calendar. One event I heard about "an ice fishing tournament" had to be cancelled, better to be safe than sorry. A lot of dances & auctions going on.

Things are starting to stir at the River Valley Lodge and Campground. Carolyn said to be patient when calling for reservations as they are really busy getting things ready for the upcoming summer months. She would appreciate if you started calling around March 1 for your reservation. They are excited to be once again hosting Pony Express Weekend June 9-11. Friday night is meet & greet around the big fire ring. Please bring hotdogs to roast and enjoy some good ole fashioned cowboy comedy. Saturday we will have the poker run and BBQ with a dance & auction both live and silent following with Pure Country & More DJ. Sunday we are trying to something for the kids hopefully with mutton bustin. We are trying to work on getting someone to provide the sheep. So that is still pending. I can't stress enough to each and every one of you to get your plans made to come on down. The raffle horse will be here also.

Our grandson "Jackson" has been bonding with his new pony "Charlie" and except for one minor run-away, he is doing great. Grandma is a tremendous help to both of them.

Please include on your list of things to do, the Iowa Deer Classic. It is the last weekend, Feb 24-26. We will have a booth set up selling Ranger tickets. If you have a few minutes while you are there, you might offer to give the ones working a break to get something to eat, or just to stretch their legs. There is something there for everyone from seminars for the most serious deer hunters to how to grow a food plot and there is plenty for women to do also. When you are there, look Irena or myself up and I may take you and show you my rack. I have a buck in the hall of fame, what did you think I meant.

Well, I'd better get back to it. Don't forget your Ranger tickets when you're out and about, and please get out and about; it is good for you and good for Pony Express.

Please keep doing what you do so well. Pony Express and I appreciate everything you do so much.

Somewhere down the trail,
Bob

Kudos to our Entertainment Committee for securing a band at no charge for our Victory Dance at Lake Robbins.

May 6th, 2012
1:00 Camp Sunnyside, Hubbard Lodge
All members encouraged to Attend, participate in discussions & to vote in the Election of Officers.

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member (18 and over) \$30 - voting	County: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member \$10 - voting	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Member \$5 - 2 votes maximum	Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member \$5 - voting	City/State/Zip: _____
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	E-Mail: _____
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**Save the Date For the 3rd Annual
PONY EXPRESS WEEKEND
June 8, 9, & 10th, 2012
At River Valley Campground, Farmington , IA.**

**Save the Date
For the Pony Express/DD Rodeo
August 3rd & 4th, 2012**

Important Reminders!

Please remember that if you pay out \$600 or more to anyone, such as a band, or venue for an event, Carole needs to have the following information: Name, address & amount which is paid, because at years end, she has to issue them a 1099.

She also needs to be informed if you receive a donation of any kind that is valued at \$250 or more, again, give her name, address of donor, as well as item or service donated, so that the appropriate tax form can go out to them.

Be careful using outdated materials, because of our address change. Make sure all materials are current & reflect our new address: Po Box 1704, Des Moines, IA 50305

Everyone these days seem to be using Face Book, and it's proving to be an effective way to get the word out, but if you're calling it a Pony Express site, please remember that because of our non profit status as well as being Incorporated, and our By Laws, we can't advertise any fundraisers or events for organizations other than Pony Express or Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside.

Helpful Hints

As you plan your events, use all the FREE advertising that you can. Free web sites are available, here are several radio stations that offer a Free Community Calendar: 973thehawk.com: kjjy.ocm: kggo.com: 1700thechamp.com: 983wowfm.com: I'm sure there's lots of others, be sure to check your local stations

The Des Moines Register also has a web site you can put community events on: <http://submit.dmregister.com/>. We have an account set up; username: ponyexpress & Password: events



Small Town + Pony Express Volunteers = Huge Success

On January 28th The Three Rivers Pony Express volunteers held a Texas Style County Jam/Barn Dance at the Community Center in Kensett, a town of less than 200 residents.

Think you can't have a successful, money raising event in such a small community? Well, think again, because this group included a meal & auction, and raised well over \$10,000 profit for Pony Express and to benefit Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Never underestimate a group of good volunteers working for a good cause!

The 3Rivers group is trying to do it again on February 25th, Well, at least hoping for it to be even partially as successful.....

They'll be doing "Boot in Hand" Collection points in Osage, Clear Lake & Northwood from 9 AM till Noon, then meeting back at the Community Center in Kensett to prepare for their doors to open at 2:00 for the **Country Jam** from 2 to 6:00, and then continuing with their **Cowboy Kamikaze Karaoke**.

Three Rivers Pony Express is also holding an Appreciation Dinner & Dance at the Osage VFH located on the west side of 218 on the north edge of Osage on March 24th. Dinner is from 5 PM to 8 PM, with Dance from 8 to 2 AM with DJ & Karaoke. They'll also be doing collection points that same day in Saint Ansgar from 9 till Noon.



**Do you have success stories??? Send photos & article
To Carole to put in the Currier issues!**

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

Dance & Auction March 10th 7PM- 12PM
Shenandoah Elks Club, music by *S & S Music*

Cass

Dance & Auction Feb. 25th 8 to Midnight
Cumberland Community Bldg. Dance to *Rhythm Kings*

Palo Alto

**White Elephant Auction & Karaoke
March 3** at the *Duck Stop* in Mallard
For more info on any of these events, call 515-320-5293 or 712-298-0270

Dickinson

Dance Good Friday, April 6th
Millcreek Lounge in Milford, music by *Steve Lang*

Hardin

Dance March 31st 8 to Midnight
Dance to *Borderline* at Steamboat Rock

Ackley Dance Friday, April 6th
8:00 to Midnight at Ackley Country Club
Dance to *Borderline*, \$6 admission

Winneshiek

**Dance presented by Winneshiek Saddle Club
March 16th 7 PM to 11 PM**
At Nob Hill, north of Decorah
Buck Hollow Band

Tama

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest 7/8/12
Double D Rodeo Arena, Toledo
Details & flyer at later date

Harrison

Dance March 31st 8 PM
Held at the Magnolia Community Center, \$6 Admission

Boone/Story (the Madrid Bunch)

5th Annual Pony Bowl March 3rd
Tiger Bowl in Madrid, call 515-250-1839 for details
1st Pony Pedal March 31st, watch for details

Story

Dance March 17th 8 PM to 1:00 AM
Music by *DJ Kenny* at the American Legion in Story City
50/50 drawing & raffle for a \$100 gas card.
(Legion is having a Steak Fry prior & Casino night during Dance)

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

Lucas

**Save the date for the 2nd Annual Lucas County Pony Express
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest.....**
September 9th at the Russell Sale Barn Arena, details at a later date

Marshall

Dinner, Dance & Auction March 24th
Moose Lodge in Marshalltown, Supper 6PM- 8 PM, dance to *Rural Addition* From 8 PM to Midnight, auction during breaks
Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest May 28th
At Gilman Saddle Club Arena, indoor arena in case of rain/wet conditions. Flyer available at later date

Marion/Jasper

Chili/Soup Cook Off, Bingo & Cards March 17
At Memorial Hall In Pleasantville
Chili Judging from 5-7 PM, public judging For information, call 641-990-8625

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest April 15th
At Marion Co. Fairgrounds in Knoxville,
Flyer & details at a later date

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest June 24th
At the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds in Colfax
Flyer & details at a later date

Hamilton

Dance March 10th 7 PM **Moose Lodge in Webster City**
Travis Klingston & Jake Grossnickle Band, Live & Silent Auction \$5 admission

Collection Points March 24th 8 AM to 1 PM
East & West 2nd Street & South Superior St., Webster City