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From the President

Howdy! I have been so busy!! NOT!!! Carole calls and asks for a letter and I mostly forgot. I had to come back from deer hunting this morning to write my letter. It seems like spring in the “southland”. Its 53 degrees on the 3rd week of Jan. It’s unbelievable.

As I write this I’m thinking about this being my last or at least next to last currier. There are so many things going on like saddle up meetings, 3 of the 4 regions being over and plans being finalized for ride day. Our motel will remain the same this year and all other locations are the same. Dance at Lake Robbins Friday for tri- county fundraiser and on Sat for the victory dance. On Sat the Governors ride at John Deere, Shuttle buses all the same as in previous years. Ride once again from all parts of the state and last but surely not least, let’s get fundraising totals off the wall.

We had a very productive board meeting this month with a lot of great ideas being discussed. We seem to have some younger member that have come up with some new and original fundraisers such as a coon hunts and trap shoots with proceeds going to pony express ultimately Camp Sunnyside. Sometimes we just need to think “outside the box” to come up with some new & hopefully successful ways to raise more money for Camp!

I have been involved with this organization long enough to be referred to as one of the people that they ask “what did it used to be like”. Otherwise one of the “ole farts” It’s a great feeling.

I better get off of here and get back to my “busy day”. Don’t forget your ranger tickets when you’re out and about. Be sure to attend the Pony Express event near you and have a safe and fun late winter or early spring however you look at it.

Somewhere down the trail

Bob

P.S. Don’t for get Pony Express Weekend at River Valley Campground in Farmington and the Pony Express/ Double D Rodeo in Tama as part of your summer activities.

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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

Marion/Jasper
Chili Cookoff, Bingo & Cards **March 17**
 At Memorial Hall In Pleasantville
 Chili Judging from 5-7 PM, public judging
 For any 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 23rd**
 At the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds in Colfax
 Flyer & details at a later date

Watch for details about upcoming *Special King & Queen Contest & Drill Team Competition*
 As date & location is still being determined

May 6th, 2012
1:00 Camp Sunnyside, Hubbard Lodge

All members encouraged to Attend, participate in discussions & to vote in the Election of Officers.

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

Tama
Dance & Auction **February 18th** **8 PM- 12**
 Dance to *the Other Band* at Lincoln AmVets Dance 8 PM to Midnight, \$6 person or \$10 Couple. Donations for Auction items welcome!
Soup Supper before the band starts, serving 6 PM to 8 PM (free will offering)

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest
July 8th **Double D Rodeo Arena, Toledo**
 Flyer available at later date

Marshall
Dinner, Dance & Auction **March 24th**
 Moose Lodge in Marshalltown, Save the date & watch for the details in the next issue of the Currier

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.

Save the Date
 For the 3rd Annual
PONY EXPRESS WEEKEND
June 8, 9, & 10th, 2012
 At River Valley Campground, Farmington , IA.

Highlights from January Board Meeting

Entertainment committee reported that they are still looking for a band for the Victory Dance, they of course are looking for a band to donate, but agreed they may need to hire a band, the Board gave them the authority to pay up to \$500 without needing further Board Approval. There was a motion made & carried to leave Dance tickets at \$2 advance, \$4 at the door, and Bus tickets remain \$3.

The Board adapted a Horse Care Policy & motion passed to add it to the Pony Express Handbook. The Board asked Carole to care for the horse & a motion was made & passed for her to be primary caregiver.

After detailed discussion about the committees and their duties, a motion was made to eliminate the Horse buying committee since a Raffle Prize Committee was formed in a past board meeting, consisting of Pres., Pres. Elect & the 4 Regional VP's. Motion was also made & passed for a description/guide to be drawn up defining committees & it be added to the Pony Express Handbook. Motion passed to add a Committee for the River Valley Weekend.

A new proposal from Staybridge Suites was presented to the Board, the motel had changed management, therefore the original proposal was no longer valid. Prices had increased and they would not give us the same rates all year as on Ride Weekend. There was a motion made & passed unanimously to renew our contract with Quality Inn on Merle Hay for another year. Those rates will continue to be \$49 plus tax for Pony Express members for the next year.

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

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*

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

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.

Palo Alto
Play Day/Fun Show **Jan. 21** **10 AM**
 I-90 Expo Center, Barrels, poles, and more games

Guest Bar Tending **Feb. 4th** **9 PM-?**
 Rack Shack in Graettinger, also Karaoke

Dance **Feb. 18th**
 Dance to *Jesse James Band* at Graettinger Legion

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

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**

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

Webster
Dance & Auction **January 28th** **8 PM to 1 AM**
Presented by the Dayton Wranglers
 Dance to *Storm Warnin* at the Webster County Fairgrounds
 Adults \$5, 12 & under \$3, food available, doors open at 7 PM

Lucas
Selling Ranger Tickets **February 11th** **9 AM -??**
Russell Livestock Auction

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

Three Rivers
Texas Style Country Jam/Barn Dance **January 28th**
 Kensett Community Center, starting at 2 PM. Musicians, pickers, fiddlers, dancers & listeners all WELCOME. Bar & Dance floor until 2 AM
February 25th **Cowboy Kamikaze Karaoke**
 Kensett Community Center

Iowa Deer Classic **Feb. 24th through Feb.26th**
Selling Polaris Ranger tickets **Need volunteers!**

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

Remaining Saddle Up Meeting

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