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Howdy! The Iowa Ranch Horse Association is excited to welcome everyone back for our second show of the season on June 13–14 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Denison, Iowa! Be sure to contact Jane soon to reserve your stalls and camping spots. Don't forget—the shavings have to be bought there. Saturday's events will also feature the Cowgirl Queen Contest following the lunch break, and everyone is invited to stay for a potluck dinner beginning 30 minutes after the show concludes Saturday evening. We had a fantastic turnout at our May show, and results are now posted online. We can't wait to see everyone in Denison for another great weekend of ranch horse competition and fellowship!

Respectfully Submitted by Erin Cook

Apparel orders may be picked up from Erin Cook at the Dennison show on June 13 or 14.

"Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway." – John Wayne

ISU Extension and Outreach document on [Stocking Rates: Calculating How Many Horses a Pasture Can Maintain](#)

May Results

	Exhibitors	Entries
Saturday	32	175
Sunday	33	172

Memberships:	New	Renewed
Individual	4	9
Family	3	6
Youth	4	

Weekend High Point Winners

Open Division - Krista Oldham on Tip Toe Tucker

Amateur Division - Krista Oldham on Tip Toe Tucker

Novice Amateur Division - Diane Clinton on Rock n Little Six Gun

Sr. Youth Division - Emerson Hiemstra on Colonel Smart Cash

Jr. Youth Division - Gracie Niccum on Miss Fine Ledoux

Winners of each division receive a \$20 gift certificate good at Long Creek Outfitters, 1601 West First Street, Leon, IA 50144. A big THANK YOU to Long Creek Outfitters for donating the gift certificates.

Did you know....

- Horses can feel your heartbeat through the saddle or reins - even when you think you're calm.
- Their sense of smell is so sharp they can identify individual humans by scent alone.
- Some horses create "comfort routines," like circling once or snorting softly before resting.
- A horse's night vision is enhanced by a reflective eye layer that works like natural night-vision goggles.
- They can sense when another horse is stressed just by watching its muscle tension.
- Horses use gentle ear swivels as a quiet form of communication and reassurance.
- Their legs contain no muscles below the knee - making their tendons and ligaments incredibly efficient.
- A horse's ears don't just rotate - they can move independently to track multiple sounds at once.
- Their sense of time is surprisingly accurate - horses know when feeding time is approaching.
- Some horses can slow their own heartbeat when trying to stay calm in stressful situations.