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Rob Erickson
Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame

Rob grew up in Essex, IA, where the whole family was involved in 4-H. They showed horses, cattle, pigs, and rabbits. As a child, Rob enjoyed showing the horses more than any of the other animals. The family began showing both American Saddlebreds and Quarter Horses. In 1985, with great success, the Erickson's started showing Saddlebreds at a few state fairs. The word spread quickly through the horse world about the quality Golden Palominos the Erickson family bred.

Rob continued the breeding and showing of Golden Palominos. As the word quickly spread, Rob was contacted by the Merced County Sheriff Posse in California. Today, twelve of the fourteen Gold Palominos in the Merced County Sheriff Posse were bred and raised at the Erickson Stables. These horses are rode in the Rose Bowl Parade, and more recently, at Trump's Presidential Inaugural Parade.

Today, Rob continues showing in Futurities and breeding quality horses that either join the show or parade circuit. Currently, the stallions standing at Erickson's Stables are: Reedann's Phire One, Anacacho's Rendezvous Recount, and Glen Knolls Gold Knight. Some of the stallions that have stood at Erickson Stables includes:

-- Symbols Spring Fever, Wing Medallion, The Gallant Confederate, and B N B Winter Folly. Rob has had the honor of breeding a World Champion, Jessie Cool, by his stallion Gallant Confederate. He has also achieved Grand Champion and Reserve Champion with several of his colts.

Rob has worn many different hats as a teacher and coach for 40 years, single father, athletic director, school board president, auctioneer for the Iowa Breeders Futurity, and the mayor of the town of Emerson.

Rob and his wife, Cybill, have ten children and seven grandchildren. They enjoy teaching the younger children about riding, showing, and raising horses. Rob and Cybill continue to be involved in The Iowa Futurity, Iowa Breeders Stake, American Saddlebred Association, and the National Golden American Saddlebred Association.

Rob is very honored to accept induction into the Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame. Thank you to all those who have supported him in his venture of breeding and showing quality horses. He looks forward to many more years of breeding quality horses that people are proud to ride.