

Miss Rodeo Kansas

Newsletter

A publication from the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant Board

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The Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Teen Rodeo Pageant is just around the corner!

The MRK Board is busy completing the last final details. The pageant will begin on Thursday, July 30th, and a few short days later on Saturday, August 2nd, we will crown our 2009 Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas.

Look for the schedule on page 6 of the newsletter.



Kansas State Fact:

"Home on the Range" is the state song and was adopted on June 30, 1947. It was originally a poem written by Dr. Brewster Higley in 1872 on the banks of Beaver Creek near Athol, Kansas. The title of the poem was "My Western Home". The words from the song described the author's experiences of blue skies and endless prairie.

Dodge City Round-Up Rodeo is the host for the Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas Pageant. The rodeo opens on Wednesday, July 30th, and runs through Sunday, August 3rd. If you want to see five nights of non-stop rodeo action, you want to be in Dodge City for this PRCA Rodeo - A Wrangler Pro Tour Rodeo. Ticket information can be obtained at 1-866-327-6336.

Contestants for Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas 2009 Announced

The Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant Board is pleased to announce the candidates for the pageant coming up soon.

Queen Contestants: Meredith Holland, Bucyrus
Barbara Scalet, Edgerton

Teen Contestants: Kara Hackney, Hays
Brittani May, Viola
Lauren Rumbaugh, Dodge City

We are looking forward to seeing these girls in Dodge City soon!

State Director – Sheila Croft

As the 2009 Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant approaches, I am very excited that we will be hosting Miss Rodeo America, Amy Wilson, during our pageant. We have three full days of fun planned for the contestants and their families. Our pageant judges are Kay Tilton, Texas; Abbie Grossnicklaus, Kansas; and Kathy Waclawczyk, Texas.

Jenna has been working very hard preparing for Miss Rodeo America and making appearances in Florida, Nebraska, Calgary, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, and the great state of KANSAS! Many Kansas rodeos have hosted Jenna and she is doing a terrific job representing us.

Meredith Lockhart of Merezia is working hard getting Jenna's wardrobe ready for Vegas and I just wanted to say "thank you" to her for all of her hard work and sponsorship of Miss Rodeo Kansas.

We are very proud to bring aboard Saddler Imagery as a pageant sponsor. Doyle and Sara are neighbors of Amy Wilson and sponsored her as Miss Rodeo Kansas. They graciously continued by sponsoring Jenna Nelson, and have agreed to continue their relationship with the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant for the 2009 year.

We have two queen and three teen contestants this year for the pageant and encourage everyone to come out to Dodge City and watch the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant on July 31-Aug. 2. Plan a visit to historic Boothill, take in the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo, and don't forget the Whacky Trike Races...you never know who you might see competing there! A special thank you to Dr. Trotter and the members of the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo for allowing us to continue this great program in Dodge City.

See you down the road,
Sheila

Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas Coordinator – Joy Brown

Pageant time is just right around the corner! I am very excited for this year's pageant! I know all the girls will do a GREAT job!

The last few months have kept my busy with Alyson doing lots of out of state traveling! I worry as if she was my own daughter and TRY to talk with her daily, if not more. Alyson does such a great job that she makes my job as the coordinator EASY!!! Look for Alyson these next few months in Texas, Canada, Colorado and, of course, Kansas.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy rodeo season and I look forward to seeing you all along the rodeo trail!

Joy
MTRK Coordinator
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Miss Rodeo Kansas 2008 – Jenna Nelson Garden City KS

Wow! I can't begin to tell you what an experience being Miss Rodeo Kansas has been! I have traveled all over the country and the year is only half over! Since the last time I talked to you, I have been as far north as Pocatello, Idaho and as far south as San Antonio, Texas and many places in between. Without the honor of having the title as Miss Rodeo Kansas, I would not have had the chance to see all the wonderful places or meet a World Champion such as Trevor Brazile.

Over spring break, I was invited to be a part of the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello Idaho. What a trip! As a state queen, I was able to participate in the grand entry every night I was there. This was a grand production! Each and every night there was a slide show on a big screen for all to see highlighting some of the different cowboys and cowgirls that had made it to the DNCFR, and this was only the beginning. Watching the top names compete for big money was fun on its own. This is the time they are not only competing for money but for the use of a Dodge truck for the year and a great title.

Rodeo was not the only thing we did in Idaho, we also went skiing! Since it was my first time to be on the slopes I couldn't wait to learn how to ski. Before we could all go skiing, we had an autograph signing at one of the schools, so needless to say we wouldn't have a long time at the slopes because we had the rodeo that night as well. As we arrived, we were fitted for our ski boots and skis and those who were beginners were sent off to take lessons, I being one of them! We were short on time because we were supposed to do the down hill barrel race with the cowboys before we left. The part that was cut the shortest was the lessons (probably not the best part to be skipped). The only portion of skiing I was taught was how to stop and go which was big pizza or small pizza, that was the ONLY thing I learned. After I went down the slopes once it was then time for the barrel race.

The barrel race was a trip all by itself. Even though it only lasted for about two minutes, I will remember it forever and the bruises too! We began by getting on a barrel that was laying on two skis and one string hanging off each side for each cowboy. The whistle blew and we were off, over the ski jumps and through flags to the bottom of the hill to rope a dummy and on to the finish line. Oh, but we did not make it over the hill without a few roll overs on the barrel and that is where the bruises came along! I couldn't let go either because the cowboys said they would correct it no matter where I was hanging from! Great times!

After being out of the state, I came back to enjoy the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Rodeo in Salina, Kansas. This rodeo is held every year as a fund raiser for the Sheriff's Department. Alyson and I were able to get out and thank sponsors and hand out children's tickets to bring in more people to the rodeo. We not only had a great time at the rodeo but enjoyed getting to know each other while I stayed at her house for the weekend! Thanks Alyson!

At the beginning of May, Guymon Pioneer Days were going full blast in Oklahoma. On the way down it was a little windy, but I had no idea what I was in for! Miss Rodeo Oklahoma, the Pioneers Days Queen and her little sister and I were off to school visits during the day and for the first night we had grand entry practice. We were happy to be on horseback but the wind could not have been worse and stayed that way the whole time we were there! For as windy as it was, there was still a great audience for each rodeo performance. One of the great highlights while I was there was meeting Lane Frost's parents. They were at Cowboy Church Sunday morning and told us a little more than the movie 8 Seconds let on. It was a great trip to Guymon and I want to put out a big thank you to Becky Robinson and the Moore's for showing great hospitality while I was there.

As June came, I knew this was the time it was going to get crazy, but I couldn't wait! The beginning of June brought Beef Empire Days which was held right in my hometown-Garden City, Kansas. This was a fun filled few days of radio spots, autograph signings and a children's parade! During the rodeo, the Wild Child Troy Lerwill performed and, of course, a few big names such as Trevor Brazile, his partner Patrick Smith and Will Lowe were there as well!

Next I was off to North Platte, NE for Nebraskaland Days and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. There were many other state queens that were able to join us for the eventful week too. Some of the highlights were playing sand volleyball and going to the "Frontier Revue" play. I can't forget to mention the go cart adventure or the amazing prime rib they fed us. We were warned to put our hats on tight because the go carts would pick up some speed and we figured that out real quick! After signing many autographs each day we were off to the rodeo for a great performance each night!

Soon after I returned home, I was off again to San Antonio, Texas for the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant. This time I had some company! Shelia, her son Clay, Alyson, and my Mom were all able to go; but it was necessary for Shelia to go because she was a judge! We all had a good time at all of the pageant events but there were a few extras we were able to enjoy too. The river walk boat tour was a peaceful ride around the historical sites. We did not realize that we had not seen any flying bugs up until the tour guide pointed it out. There were many bats that lived near by and ate 7 to 8 times their body weight taking care of the bugs! Other than the heat, there were no complaints! Shelia may have a few though...darn roaches anyway!

It is only the end of June but it has all flown by so fast! None of this would be possible without the great sponsors that have helped me out! THANK YOU! Again I want to thank Shelia for keeping me on my toes and my family for all that they do! Soon I am off to Canada and until next time, ride hard and God Bless!!!

Jenna

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Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas 2008 – Alyson McCall Minneapolis KS

I've had a great time traveling down the rodeo road as Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas. The people I have met and the places I have been have provided me with memories that will truly last a lifetime.

Earlier this year, I met Jerome Schneeberger, and when I got to the Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City, I was really glad to know Jerome. The first night, I borrowed a horse, not knowing what kind of wild ride I was in for. Everything was going well until I went in to push cattle for steer wrestling. Every time a cowboy left the box, my horse felt the need to take off running! I was then informed it was the horse's first time in the arena! I switched horses for the next event and got along a little better. I needed a horse for the parade on Saturday, and no one seemed to have an extra. Jerome had three horses there, so I asked to borrow one of his. I ended up riding that horse for the Saturday and Sunday performances, which I'm proud to say, went much better for me than Friday night!

In Bennington, I met Justin McKee on Thursday night. This was really exciting for me, especially since he was speaking the next day at state FFA convention. Justin is a past State President for Kansas FFA. I went back to Manhattan after the rodeo Thursday night so I could be at convention. I didn't get much sleep that night, but it was well worth it! I also rode in the parade and placed in the horse division!

It's been a pretty interesting year so far. Being directionally challenged, I'm proud to say that I haven't really gotten lost yet. I was a little turned around in Greensburg, but that was only

because I wasn't sure what street the arena was on! Since the middle of May, storms have been following me to every rodeo and event. In Greensburg, the Friday night rodeo was postponed to Saturday afternoon because of a storm. Amy (Miss Rodeo America), Jenna (Miss Rodeo Kansas), and I were all staying at a ranch south of town. They told us where to go if a tornado came and we were watching the news, just in case. There was a lot of wind and then we heard a really weird noise, but we thought nothing of it. Then we got a phone call informing us that the ranch was being used on the radio as a point-of-rotation for the tornado south of town! About five minutes later the news said that there was a tornado out by us.... Guess we should have been listening to the radio! I now inform every rodeo committee that inviting me to their rodeo increases their chance of rain by 99 percent! My streak finally ended in Washington where I made it through a whole rodeo weekend with no storms! It did rain for about 20 minutes on Sunday but nothing too serious.

In May, I picked up my rodeo truck from Long McArthur. I am driving a green 2008 F-150 Lariat to all of my rodeo events! Scot's Studio of Minneapolis lettered my truck for me and did a great job on it! I would like to thank West McArthur for taking such good care of me and rental manager Matt Haase for sending me down the road in style!

Right now I am having a great time in San Antonio at the Miss Rodeo Texas pageant. I will be home for a few days and then Jenna and I head to Canada for the Calgary Stampede. After that, we go to Colorado Springs for the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and the PRCA Hall of Fame inductions. We will get home just in time for me to make attend my county fair. I'm really looking forward to being a part of the 2008 Ottawa County Fair!

There are a few people that I don't think I have thanked near enough this year. The first person on this list is my mom. She has taken care of so many things for me without expecting thanks. Secondly, I would like to thank my little sister Addy. There have been a few weekends that I would not have been on the road in time with my suitcase fully packed without her. Even though the queen stuff isn't her interest, she still gives me her full support. I would like to thank Joy for answering all my questions. I truly believe that if two days go by and she doesn't hear from me, she calls just to make sure I'm alive! Thanks also to Shelia for taking such good care of me!

Etiquette on the Prairie - ***Social Graces***

Social graces are an old fashioned term. Good manners never go out of style. In fact, in today's fast paced world, consideration for others by showing the best of manners will be greatly appreciated.

Q. How should one receive a compliment?

A. Learn to receive a compliment graciously. When someone says something positive about you, don't deny or refute it. Instead, thank them for the compliment and enjoy their praise.

Q. To which side should a gentleman seat a female?

A. A gentleman at a social dinner party holds the chair and seats the female on his right.

Q. What is the proper distance to stand from someone when introducing yourself?

A. In the United States, stand at an approximate distance of one arm's length from an individual when introducing yourself

Q. With the changing gender roles in our society, who opens the door, the male or the female?

A. The person who reaches the door first, regardless of gender, is responsible for holding the door open for others.

Manners International (www.mannersinternational.com) has graciously allowed us to offer tips from their website. Thank you so much.

2008 MISS RODEO KANSAS PAGEANT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

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| 10:00 a.m. | *Registration |
| 10:30 | *Close Registration |
| 10:30 | *Contestant/Parent Orientation |
| 11:00 | *Wright Park – Dog Days of Summer |
| 12:30 p.m. | Return to Dorm |
| 2:00 p.m. | Personal Interviews Queen/Teen |
| 3:00 | Practice Dance for Style Show |
| 4:00 p.m. | *Spare Tyme Bowl- Bowling & Dinner |
| 7:30 p.m. | *Roundup Rodeo (Rodeo at 7:45) |

FRIDAY, August 1, 2008

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| 8:00-11:00 | *Horsemanship Competition (4-H Arena) |
| 11:00-12:30p.m. | *Lunch – Central Station |
| 1:30 | Leave for Senior Center |
| 2:00 | *Senior Center – Speech Competition & Impromptu Questions |
| 2:45 p.m. | *Senior Center ice cream & prizes |
| 5:00-6:45 | *Dinner – Casey's Cowtown |
| 7:00 | *Roundup Rodeo (Rodeo at 7:45) |

SATURDAY, August 2, 2008

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| 8:30 | Rodeo Knowledge Quiz/Group Interview |
| 10:45 | Practice for Style Show |
| 12:00-2:00 | *Style Show (Knights of Columbus) |
| 3:00 | *Media Interview at the Mall |
| 4:00 | *Check out of Dorm |
| 6:30 | *Report to Arena for Coronation |
| 7:00 | *Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas 2009 Coronation – Roundup arena |
| 7:15 | *Miss Rodeo Kansas 2009 Coronation |
| 7:45 | *Miss Rodeo Kansas & Teen 08-09 Grand Entry |

* - Events that Parents are encouraged to attend