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NEBRASKA'S FIRST LADY OF RODEO

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2008 KRISTEN SCHOTT "OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!"

The rodeo season has definitely slowed down this fall and has allowed me a little time to breathe and begin my preparations for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Sitting here writing this final letter of the year, I find it hard to believe that the year is almost over! It seems like just yesterday was my coronation and I couldn't wait to get on the road. This newsletter begins with my trip to Ft. Collins, CO for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant Seminar. The seminar was a great learning experience for me. I had a lot of fun catching up with some of the other state queens. It was great to get some insider tips on how to do well in the upcoming pageant. My next trip took me to the Oregon Trail Rodeo in Hastings. Congratulations to Tessa Wright for being crowned Miss Rodeo Oregon Trail. I have to admit that I had way too much fun at this rodeo! My friend Miranda Dodson was preparing to give up her title as Miss Oregon Trail Rodeo Queen, and we made that last weekend more than memorable. Most of the time our adventures involved food and this time we drove to Grand Island just to go to Red Lobster, which was delicious. For me, seafood is a very close second to Nebraska Beef. Although the food was good, the highlight of the weekend was definitely the queen's goat scramble! There was dirt and crowns flying all over the place during this adventure. I didn't win, but I came very close. My apologies to the goat that I tackled. As a rodeo queen, I have never been encouraged to purposely roll around in the arena dirt, until now. Thanks to the rodeo committee for making that one of my favorite memories of the year!! For those of you who know me well, you know that I really love to bargain shop. MRN 2009 Amy Amack and I had a great time shopping for good deals during this fall's Denver Market. Amy is also a beef lover so we combined our shopping trip with a hunt for the best prime rib. A big thanks to Jodee Burnham of Dry Creek Western Wear for sponsoring us for that weekend!! After our "shopped 'til we dropped" weekend in Denver I traveled to Omaha for the River City Roundup. This was an awesome weekend because I got to see Larry the Cable Guy, and I got to spend a lot of time with family friends—Bob and Catherine Hughes—who were gracious enough to open their home to me. There is a lot going on at River City Roundup: BBQ's, shopping, kids ag days, marathons, and of course you can't have a rodeo without a parade. For most parades I ride a horse, however, in Omaha I got to ride a golf cart through the parade. Unfortunately they wouldn't let me drive it so I got my very own golf cart chauffer. That was pretty cool!!

My last trip out of state took me to Texas for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame Inductions and the Heartland ProRodeo Series Finals. The Cowgirl Hall of Fame Inductions were beautiful and we were escorted throughout the city in a limousine! We were definitely high class for a day. After the Hall of Fame Inductions, Miss Rodeo New Mexico and I decided to make our way over to Waco, TX for the Heartland Finals. We had a blast. This rodeo only allowed out-of-state queens as spectators (no queen gear allowed), which was a nice break from this busy year. However, the final night they sold out of tickets; so we made the best of it and watched the rodeo standing outside the arena watching the performance on the big screen. The following weekend I had my send-off party at the Haythorn Ranch in Ogallala. I was so excited to showcase my wardrobe

for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Thanks also to all of the sponsors, friends, and queens who made it out for this special evening. Everything went well and it was good to see old friends again. I then drove to the Prairie Circuit Finals in Kansas City, MO. This was a packed weekend but was probably my favorite out-of-state rodeo that I attended this year. Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Rodeo Oklahoma and I had entirely too much fun at the rodeos. This was the first cold rodeo I have been to in a while so I forgot most of my cold gear. Luckily they gave us all contestant jackets to wear, but I still had to go and buy under armour; luckily I did or I would have shivered right off my horse.

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