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NEBRASKA'S FIRST LADY OF RODEO



Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 Michelle Boeshart "RIDE PROUD"

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So much has happened since the last time we met!! I was headed to Abbyville, KS the last time we talked and since then I've been traveling all over representing Nebraska and promoting the great sport of rodeo! Abbyville was such a great time! I was joined by Miss Rodeo America, Kelli Jackson and Miss Rodeo Oklahoma, Chassity Sisco. The first morning that we were there we attended the morning slack with elementary children from all the country schools around Abbyville! We got all the children really "into" the rodeo and the greatest thing about it was the fact they were asking questions about the rodeo and different events. On Saturday we rode in the BIG parade through the BIG town of Abbyville. I exaggerate BIG, because if anybody has ever been to Abbyville they know the town isn't Big at all. The parade went down Main Street which was a whole 3 blocks! It was perfect because it reminded me of being in my hometown of Maxwell. The 2 nights of the rodeo went really well. Prior to the performances each evening the Rodeo Queens and the Bull Fighters helped with the Mutton Busting which was very exciting. Kelli, Chassity, and I decided that Abbyville had the biggest sheep EVER. While Kelli helped announce, Chassity and I seemed to dodge the sheep more then we helped with the riders. We came to realize the sheep had it out for Rodeo Queens! I want to thank Kate & Bronc Rumford for all they did for us while we were there. They fed and entertained us and always made sure we had the top of the line horses to ride! I drove home from Kansas on Sunday and then Monday morning my sister, Stacie, drove me to Denver so I could fly out to California! I was in Ramona, CA for one week & experienced a trip that was full of lifelong memories. Miss Rodeo California, Markie Battaglia, and I met in Las Vegas last year during the MRA Pageant. In Denver, during the National Western Stock Show we really hit it off and became great friends. In March, Markie invited me to join her during her hometown rodeo in Ramona. She really had to twist my arm into coming but I finally gave in :) When I got to San Diego we went right over to Kippys' warehouse. For those who aren't familiar with Kippys', it is where most people get those sparkly belts & trendy jackets! Bob Kippy is a huge fan of Rodeo Queens and is very generous! The rest of the week we attended a Padres Baseball game, did some shopping of course, went to the beach, rode with WNFR Qualifier Danielle Campbell, attended a great community rodeo that filled the grandstands every night and went to LA, which was probably the most exciting part for me! Before we headed out, Markie and I made a checklist because neither one of us had ever been there before. We

wanted to drive to Beverly Hills, walk down RODEO Drive, go into Tiffany & Co., see a celebrity, walk down Hollywood Blvd, & see the HOLLYWOOD Sign on the hill!! This checklist may seem pretty far fetched, but we checked off every single item. We drove down Beverly Hills with our heads out the windows taking pictures like two crazy tourists. Shortly after driving past the Beverly Hills sign many times, trying to get that perfect picture, we found RODEO Drive. We did the "Pretty Woman" strut down Rodeo Drive! We walked in to every store, including Tiffany's. Even though we couldn't even afford to buy a tissue from them we enjoyed every minute of it! As we were walking back to the car suddenly all of these men came out of nowhere & seemed to be putting something in to their bags. I grabbed Markie by the arm and yelled, "Robbery!". "Wait, no Paparazzi!" The guys that were running at us weren't putting stolen items in their bags, they were actually taking out large cameras & taking pictures of HALLE BERRY! After coming back to reality, we closed our mouths & proceeded to continue our checklist. We got back in our vehicle & headed to Hollywood Blvd. We walked up Hollywood Blvd to the Hollywood stars & took many pictures of us by all of the Celebrities' Squares. After spending 2-3 hours on Hollywood Blvd we set out to check off our last thing on the list! The HOLLYWOOD Sign—we finally found the best place for us to take our pictures by the HOLLYWOOD Sign. The trip was complete & so was our checklist! Markie and her family were great hostesses and the Ramona community and Rodeo Board were so welcoming. I told Markie that in return she had to come to Nebraska! She had never been to Nebraska so she was really excited about the offer. All she said she wanted to was ride in the Nebraska Prairie. I assured her that we could probably arrange that! The week in California went by fast and before I knew it I was flying back to Nebraska to prepare for NEBRASKA and DAYS. Shortly after returning home, my family & I flew out to Las Vegas, NV to celebrate my nephew's graduation from High School, it was a very short trip. We left on Wednesday, returned home on Friday, & I moved into our host hotel, LaQuinta Inn & Suites, on Saturday to begin a week, that to me, made it a true honor to be Miss Rodeo Nebraska! Sunday started off the Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2011 Queen Pageant with Horsemanship. Despite the inches & inches of rain that kept coming down, the clouds managed to separate just long enough for us to complete the horsemanship portion of the contest and make it under the tent to enjoy the first ever MRNA Horsemanship BBQ. Sherri Dodson and committee did an outstanding job. So many people showed up, including close family, friends, sponsors, and people within the community that wanted to show their support for the contestants and myself. Thank you Sherri for dedicating so much time to this new event and making it such a success!! Monday evening was very special to me. By this time 16 of my close friends—other state queens and Miss Rodeo America, Kelli Jackson, made it to North Platte to be a part of NEBRASKA and DAYS and the pageant. With all of them being in North Platte I talked my parents into hosting a dinner that night for the

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contestants, judges, committee, and visiting queens. It was so nice to have a relaxing night and eat some great food. As we sat around the horse barn my Dad, Steve talked to everybody about what we do on the ranch, yes I say "we" because when I do get a free day I help out in any way I can! I think everybody was pretty taken away when my dad told them what all goes into making a working ranch so successful. I want to thank, my parents especially for getting everything together and Paula Stobbs & her committee did such a great job with the food. A perfect night! Tuesday was a big day for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Throughout the day the contestants went through different interviews and visited sponsors. Myself and the other state queens visited sponsors as well and signed autographs. I know that I heard more than once from the girls that they couldn't believe how many autographs they gave. I think that says a lot about our community and how great of a job our Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association Pageant Committee does to keep North Platte and the area informed as to what Miss Rodeo Nebraska is doing during NEBRASKALAND DAYS. In between sponsor visits we went to the Quality Inn & Suites and practiced for that evening's Style Show. That evening over 250 people came to the Quality to watch & enjoy one of the best Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Style Shows I had seen in a long time. Bridget Lange and her committee went above & beyond making the night one that I know will be talked about for a very long time. As the evening came to an end I enjoyed walking thru the crowd and listening to all the positive comments about the show & the overall production. My hat goes off to the volunteers, thanks for making it a night that I will always remember! Wednesday morning came fast with breakfast at 7 a.m. and speeches for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska contestants following shortly after. Although the girls were so nervous that they couldn't even eat, all of them did an outstanding job!! I'm glad I wasn't one of the judges that morning. After the conclusion of the speeches came the crowning of the 2010 Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. All of the contestants for the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska were very qualified and I knew it was going to be a close run. After all the categories were pretty much divided between all the contestants, we still had no idea who the new Teen Queen was going to be. **Shelby Peters** was crowned our new Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2010!!! I met Shelby two years ago at the MRNA Queen Clinic and I knew that she was going to make a great Rodeo Queen. She is very deserving of the position and I know that she will represent Nebraska well and be a great role model to other girls. Congratulations Shelby!! I have to say that my time with **Matisyn Humphrey**, MTRN 2009, was great! We go pretty far back (when I was actually taller than her & she had to look up to me not the other way around), like it is now. When I made an appearance with Matisyn there was never a dull moment! Because she is so much taller than me she was always recognized as Miss Rodeo Nebraska and I as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. There was a Blonde moment or two, shocking I know! But most importantly we were always laughing. I wish her the best of luck in the future & hope someday she will compete for Miss Rodeo Nebraska. Wednesday night was the first night of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo & the crowning of the new Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2011. The contestants that competed for Miss Rodeo Nebraska were all very qualified and I knew it was going to be a close run from the beginning. **Becky Grimm** walked away as the new Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2011. It was truly an honor to crown Becky in the arena with help from Miss Rodeo America, Kelli Jackson. I can't even begin to say enough great things about Becky. She is truly a great cowgirl and will do a very good job representing rodeo and Nebraska. I am looking forward to working with her and helping her prepare for her year as Miss Rodeo Nebraska. The rest of the week of NLD went by fast but it was a great time. I made appearances at events that I didn't even know took place during NEBRASKALAND Days. The community was so welcoming and I had a blast everyday!!! I have to thank the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, the MRNA Pageant Committee, all of my sponsors, my chaperones that I had during the week, the LaQuinta Inn for having me in a very nice room, the Buffalo Bill Rodeo committee, NEBRASKALAND Days Board, all of my family for being such a great support, my dad especially for taking care of my horse every night of the rodeo, & I thank

everybody else I might have forgotten! Truly without everybody's support that week I wouldn't have made it, **THANK YOU ALL** ☐

Before I knew it NLD's was over and I was preparing for my next event. I was asked to judge the Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen contest in Hastings. That was such a great experience. Competing in Queen Contests I have come to find that if you have the opportunity to judge, and get on the other side of it all, you should take advantage of it! Along side my friend Miranda Dodson, another judge, we took off for Hastings and went through two days of competition. After all the scores were in, **Joni Qualm** became the 2010 Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen. I know she will do great and I look forward to being with her at different appearances!! After returning home from Hastings, I repacked my things and headed for Ponca, NE. This was a very special rodeo for me because the majority of my family lives in Iowa which is only 20 miles away. Before my Grandpa passed away he was very active at the Ponca State Park, so coming into a small community and people knowing my family and recognizing my last name was a very neat experience. Also, not being the only Boeshart in the Parade and actually going somewhere where they pronounce your last name correctly was a new experience for me. I had the opportunity to stay with a great family, the Rich's! They went way over board to make my time there special and without the help from Rylee, their daughter, I don't think I would have made it thru the day with the heat. Thank you Rich's for opening up your home to me and making me feel like part of the family.

Cowboy Christmas was a highlight for me. Spending the 4th of July in Crawford, NE was very eventful and one that I will always remember. Before the rodeo started I had the opportunity to help with the Old West Trails Rodeo Queen Pageant. The contestants competed in horsemanship, interviews, speeches and impromptu questions. A highlight for me was being able to spend time with Gina Jaspersen, the 2009 Old West Trails Rodeo Queen. Gina & I met a few years ago at the MRNA Clinic and have been friends ever since, so being able to spend a couple days with her as she completed her reign was perfect! The three days of the rodeo went very well and from the stories I heard about the year before with all the rain, I definitely lucked out. We only had rain on the last day of the rodeo and when the performance started at 8pm the rain stopped. The 4th of July Rodeo in Crawford ended on a high note!! Thanks to the Old West Trails Rodeo Committee & Jody Bass with the OWT Queen Pageant for being so welcoming & allowing me to be a part of all their festivities! After the 4th of July I went home for a short while and was back on the road again. I was headed west for Colorado Springs, CO to take part in the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, & wrap my trip up by attending the Miss Rodeo America Queen Clinic. I stopped in Denver on my way to Colorado Springs to pick up Miss Rodeo California at the airport. When I picked Markie up we began our 20 day traveling adventure! The rodeo was a blast to be a part of, there's nothing like the sight of a gorgeous rodeo arena in the middle of beautiful mountains. This is probably the prettiest rodeo I have ever been too! The first night of the rodeo, as all of us girls were walking up to eat, I ran in to one of the directors of the rodeo that happened to be from Nebraska. He asked if I could help him with the opening ceremonies of the rodeo. I was honored & really shocked that he asked me, although I had no idea what was in store for me. For the first two nights of the rodeo they had a gentlemen skydive into the arena with a large American Flag attached to him. I had to stand in the middle of the arena with a yellow flag & help guide the skydiver into the arena. Although my job might not have been that outstanding it was pretty amazing to stand out in the middle of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo arena & guide the American Flag in as the National Anthem was sung! The rodeo wrapped up on Saturday night but the highlight for me came Saturday morning. All of us girls that attended the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo were invited to attend the ProRodeo Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. It was pretty breathtaking to be seated among current & future Hall of Fame inductees. Listening to the stories coming from all 5 of the inductees was definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity. The inductees' all rodeoed around the same time so their stories just seemed to roll from one to another, like they were

reading it out of a book. Next on the agenda for Colorado Springs was the Miss Rodeo America Clinic. The Seminar was 4 days long. We covered many different things and went over lots of details for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Going to Las Vegas last year as the Lady-In-Waiting to watch the Miss Rodeo America Pageant was very beneficial but the seminar definitely opened up a lot of our eyes and gave us a better idea of what to expect in Las Vegas. The seminar ended Wednesday afternoon and Markie, Miss Rodeo California and I headed back to Nebraska because the following night we needed to be in Wahoo Nebraska for the PRCA rodeo.

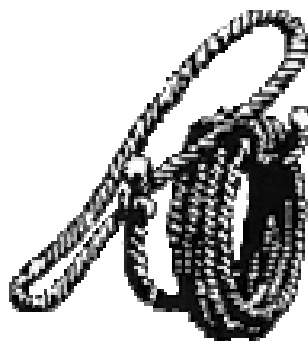
It was quite the trip from Colorado Springs to Wahoo, mainly because Markie had never been to Nebraska before so we had to stop a lot to get pictures of everything new to her. I had to laugh at her because she insisted that we stop and I take a picture of her by the cornfields. I guess for me cornfields aren't that interesting because I see them everyday but I have to remember she probably thought that of me when I made her stop and take a picture of me by one of the biggest vineyards in Southern California. Also, Markie wasn't used to the great Nebraska humidity that we are blessed to have! We stopped in Lincoln on our way to Wahoo & when she stepped out of the pickup she got right back in and said she would just wait in the car! She soon adjusted and as we sat at the rodeo constantly wiping the sweat off our faces we both thought that maybe we should have stayed in Colorado where it's not that hot and there's no humidity!! But we cowgirl'd up & enjoyed the first two nights of the Wahoo rodeo. The rodeo was a success and the community seemed to really enjoy it! Soon after the rodeo on Friday night we left for Burwell to attend the Miss Burwell Rodeo Queen pageant. The two days we were there we did radio interviews with the contestants, watched the horsemanship portion of the contest, and then we got to float down the river on inner tubes!! This was a first for both Markie and I so it was definitely a highlight of the trip. We couldn't seem to stay close to each other along the way so we tied our shoes together then tied it around our tubes so we could stay together. We soon found out that maybe that wasn't the best idea—we ended up in the trees on the sides of the banks, hitting every branch or rock that was in the middle of the river and for some of the time we were actually separated from the group because we got so far behind. But through all this we seemed to laugh the whole time and we truly enjoyed the whole experience. On Sunday we were in the fashion show hosted by Dry Creek Western Wear and helped with the speech portion of the competition. After the girls gave their speeches the winner was announced, **Sierra Peterson** was crowned Miss Burwell Rodeo 2010! Sierra is a very special girl and I know she will do an excellent job. I met Sierra and her family last year in Wahoo as Lady-In-Waiting because her family was my host family. I knew from the moment that I met her she had something unique about her and that she would make a great rodeo queen!! I want to thank Erin Robbins, MRN 2007, for everything she did & for allowing Markie to be such a part of the contest. The pageant was great and we both had a blast, "Thanks Erin!"

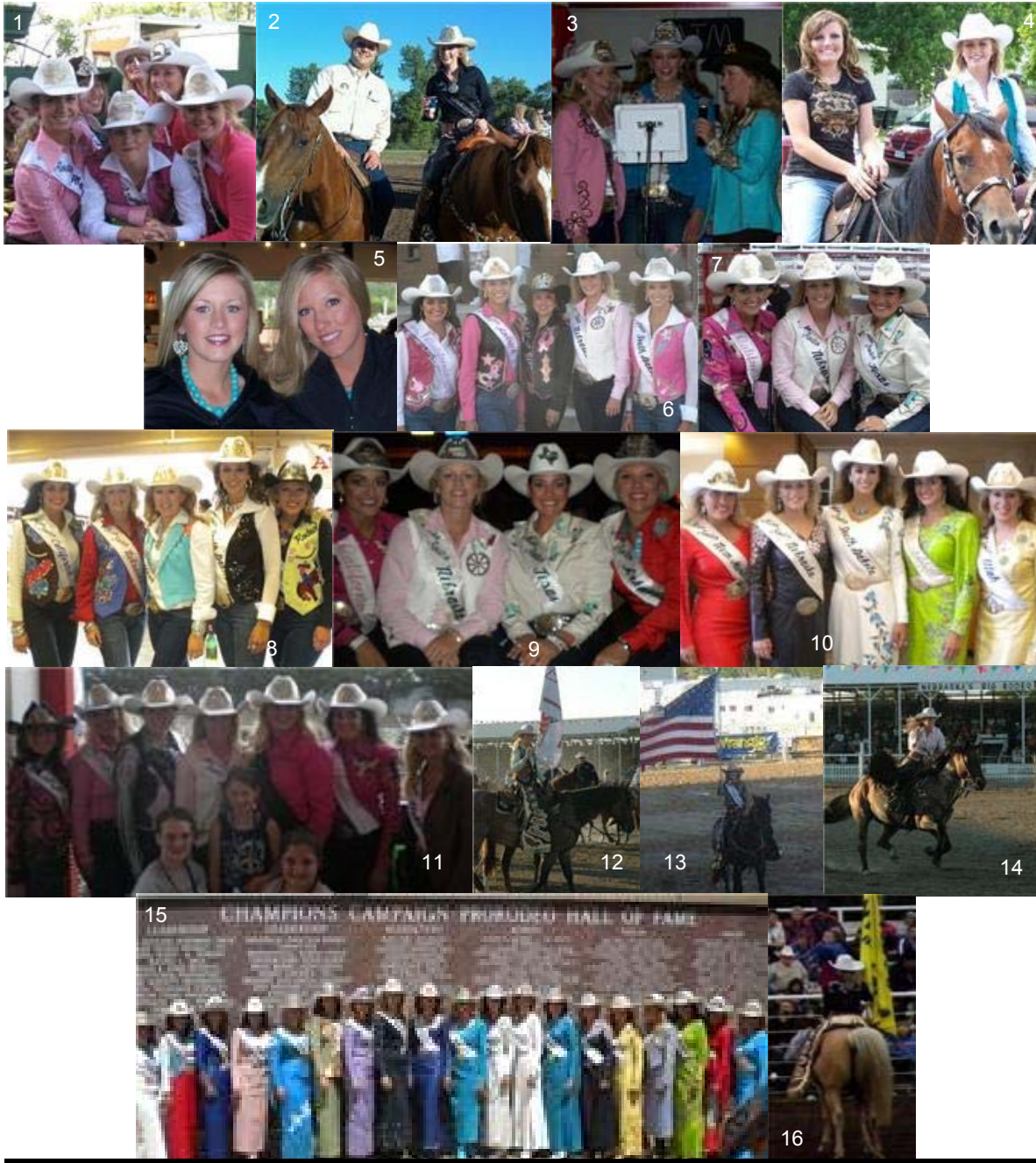
Soon Markie and I were back at the ranch and had one day to relax, or so we thought. Of course there is never a dull moment here and there is always something to do. Some cows needed moved from one pasture to the next and because Markie had never done anything like that before I thought this would be a great opportunity for her. We helped move the cattle and when we got back I had a better appreciation for where I live and what I get to do everyday. As we moved the cows I saw Markie taking pictures and completely taking in the whole experience, not wanting to miss a step. She told me that was one of the greatest things she had done. It was pretty amazing for me to have her tell me that she had such a great time at my house. Tuesday morning we were packed and headed west again to the "Daddy of 'Em All" in Cheyenne, WY! Although our time there was short because of our schedule we were able to attend a lot of different things. We started off Wednesday morning at the pancake breakfast where all of the Rodeo Queens flipped pancakes to the Boy Scouts. After breakfast they took us to the Thunderbird's show, and for an hour we got to watch the worlds greatest pilots perform stunts that I didn't even know were possible! We then headed off to different locations for autograph signings and before

we knew it, it was time for the rodeo! I don't think we could have ever prepared for a rodeo quite like this one. Mostly the Queen Runs, or should I say Fly Bys... the arena is surrounded by a large track and on the track they have many events that take place in between the rodeo events, that includes them announcing all of us visiting royalty. Instead of running around the arena we ran straight down the track going full boar waving to the main grandstands and having the time of our lives!!! It was such a great experience that I can't even put it into words. Definitely one that I will never forget! Along with the great rodeos and other events, Cheyenne Frontier Days hosts great concerts. We attended Clay Walker, Miranda Lambert, and Dierks Bentley concerts! Cheyenne went by too fast and before I knew it Miss Rodeo California and I were back in the pickup heading back to Burwell for Nebraska's Biggest Rodeo! Burwell has always been known to host one of the greatest rodeos in Nebraska and after attending the 89th annual Nebraska's Biggest Rodeo I'd have to agree! The new chutes and announcer's stand made the rodeo new and fresh and I think had a lot of people curious, because Friday & Saturday's performances were both full with people from all over the community. Hall of Fame Inductee Bennie Beutler had top stock on hand and made it a big challenge for the cowboys which means a great rodeo! Markie and I were soon on the road, again headed west, but this time not for a rodeo or queen appearance. It was time to take her back to Denver's Airport so she could head back to California. Our 20 day adventure had gone by way too fast and although I didn't want to drop her off I knew that I had made lots of memories with someone that will always be a part of my life! Another great part of being Miss Rodeo Nebraska, making lifelong friends! The next week went by fast and soon I was headed south to Dodge City, Kansas for the Roundup Rodeo and the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant! I arrived Thursday morning and helped kick off the pageant for Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011. We started off by visiting a local daycare and then headed to visit sponsors. After lunch I was joined by Miss Rodeo Oklahoma and we headed to the rodeo! Dodge City's Rodeo is the biggest rodeo in Kansas and to ride in the grand entry and have the announcer of the year, Boyd Polhamus, announce my name was an amazing feeling! The next day we watched the queen contestants compete in horsemanship & speech. I'm lucky I wasn't a judge because they all did a very good job. The pageant came to an end on Saturday when the new Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011 was crowned. The rodeo came to an end on Sunday with the short-go where the world's top cowboys & cowgirls battled each other for the win!

September will be here before I know it and I will be attending the Oregon Trail Rodeo in Hastings, making an appearance at the Nebraska State Fair at the new location in Grand Island, making a trip far west to Washington & Oregon for the Pendleton Rodeo and for a Husker Football game!! Once I come home I will be in Omaha for Ak-Sar-Ben and the PRCA Tour Finale, which will be a big kick off for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December! This year has truly been a blast and a blessing. Having the privilege to do all that I have done so far is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I know that I have many more memories yet to make. I want to say thanks for all the support I have received throughout the year and all the people that have stood behind me along the way. Thank you all so much and Happy Trails – Talk to you all soon!

Michelle Boeshart
Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010





1. Myself & some of the other state queens before Pink Night @ the Buffalo Bill Rodeo
2. David Fudge & I enjoying a refreshing Pepsi before the last night of the rodeo
3. Miss Rodeo SD, Miss Rodeo UT, & I singing during NebraskaLand Days @ the Cedar Bowl Rylee & myself getting ready for the Ponca Days of '56 Parade.
4. Miss Rodeo NM, Kelly Horton, & I @ the MRA Seminar
5. Miss Rodeo CA, MRA, Miss Rodeo NV, Myself, & Miss Rodeo SD @ Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
6. Miss Rodeo CA, myself, & Miss Rodeo TX @ Miranda Lambert Concert
7. Getting ready for the last night of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
8. Miss Rodeo California, myself, Miss Rodeo Texas, & Miss Rodeo Arkansas @ Dierks Bentley Concert.
9. Roomates during Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
10. Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo
11. Grand Entry @ Nebraska's Biggest Rodeo
12. First night of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo
13. Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 @ Nebraska's Biggest Rodeo in Burwell
14. Majority of the states queens that will be competing for Miss Rodeo America at the Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductions in Colorado Springs, CO
15. Me @ the Abbyville Rodeo.

CONGRATULATIONS!



My belief of becoming Miss Rodeo Nebraska became a reality on June 16, 2010 at the NebraskaLand Days Buffalo Bill Rodeo in North Platte. It was exciting to win the categories of speech, appearance, personality, & horsemanship. Since the 16th it has been a whirlwind of emotion & adventure. On the 4th of July I traveled to Seward, NE to partake in all the celebrations of the 4th. I got to meet Governor Heineman. I was able to celebrate my birthday in style by getting sang to by the town of Seward & sharing a huge birthday cake. The downfall of the days was that we were rained on all morning, but it did clear off for the best part, the parade. I rode this amazing palomino horse, Topper. I'm sure this was Topper's 10th+ parade. Seward was a blast & the town stands firm in their celebration "rain or shine" events go on. On July 10th I made my debut in the western part of the state at the Fur Trade Days parade in Chadron, NE. In this parade my horse was the back of a convertible. I know it's not the queen way to do it, but it was a lot of fun. It was exciting being able to celebrate the 125th celebration of the Fur Trade Days tradition in Chadron. The latest thing I have been to was the National Day of the Cowboy in Ainsworth, NE on July 16th & 17th. I was able to meet Buffalo Bill, be in another parade, & meet great cowboys & cowgirls from the Sandhills. Even though it was 100 degrees, I had fun in the sun. It's officially been a little over a month from the time when I was crowned & I have already made lots of new friends, not to mention all the fun I've had. I know it will only get more exciting in the days to come, & I can't wait. Thank you to everyone that has made my dreams become reality. I also want to extend my thanks to everyone that makes this dream for every girl possible. No matter who you are, or where you are, you can be living the dream "Ridin' Ropin' N Royalty".

God Bless,
Becky Grimm
Lady-in Waiting MRN 2011

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Hello Everybody!

Wow! What an AMAZING month! First, let me send my sincere thanks out to all who have helped me get here! Lynn Welker- you are as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside! To the MRN committee for all your support, encouragement and dedication to what you do, you are all so wonderful! To Linda Evans, who has already become my second mom- thanks! To my family, friends, and all who supported and encouraged me along the way- I love you all. My first "official" appearance came fast on the heels of Nebraskaland Days and close to home! The Nebraska High School Rodeo Association Queen Contest was held in Hastings on June 22 and 23. I was privileged to spend two days with four amazing girls while carefully observing (and learning from) the beautiful MRN 2010, Michelle Boeshart. Joni Qualm, endured two challenging days of competition, but again, won the crown! Congrats Joni! Next came a wonderful 4th of July weekend in Sutherland beginning with the horsemanship competition Saturday morning, and ending with the crowning of the 2010 Sutherland Jr. Queen, Karli Osborne. Good job, Karli! On Sunday I was back home for the Webster County 4-H Horse Show held in Bladen where I had the pleasure of announcing and awarding ribbons. Then we were off to Nelson on Monday and Tuesday for the Nuckolls County Fair and Rodeo where I witnessed the crowning of Kasandra Fanning- 2010 Nuckolls County Rodeo Queen. The Webster County Fair and Rodeo was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 15, 16 and 17th where I was able to pass my crown as Webster County Queen to my best friend, Kelsey Parker, and the Princess Crown to another very good friend, Amelia Petska. Sunday found us again on the road headed to the Southwest Nebraska Rodeo Queen Contest held in McCook where Morgan Yendra and Elena Farley were crowned 2010 Queen and Jr Queen. Congratulations girls! In the next couple months I plan to attend as many of the NSRA rodeos that I can before we head to the NSRA Finals in North Platte in September! In closing I would just like to say thanks for the hospitality to all of the queen pageant committees that I have had the privilege of meeting this past month. You all do an excellent job and I really appreciate it! I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of the summer and is looking forward to the new 2010 school year! I'll be a senior so I know I am! May God bless you and keep you all safe and healthy, wherever you may be, remember that "Life's a dance and you learn as you go".

Shelby Peters, MTRN 2010

THANK YOU!!



A special "THANK YOU" to Matisyn Humphrey for serving a term as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2009. It is a big commitment for these young ladies. Sometimes it becomes very hard for a teenager to be a state rodeo queen 24/7, AND SHE DID IT!! A pretty young girl was crowned in June 2009 and by June 2010 Miss Matisyn Humphrey became a beautiful young lady, inside and out. Sometimes it was a struggle for her and her family I am sure, but the strength this young woman brought forth in her commitment was extraordinary. Matisyn, you are now among the very few holding the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska! The MRNA thanks you for all of your help during the clinic, for all the rodeos you attended, and presenting yourself well during the recent MRNA Pageant. Our "BEST WISHES" are with you as you continue your life's venture and may it bring you back to our MRN competition in the future. May God Bless you and your family. Remember you always will have an extended family in the MRNA, Inc.

Linda Evans, MTRN Assistant Director

MRNA QUEEN CLINIC 2011

"RUN FOR ROYALTY"

March 11, 12, & 13, 2011 are the dates for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association's Queen Clinic in North Platte, NE. The theme this year will be "Run for Royalty". The schedule is in the beginning stages and special clinicians are being contacted. Once again we will begin on Friday night and continue through the weekend. The Horsemanship part of the clinic will continue to grow as well as all of the sessions. More goodies and great food will be a part of the clinic this year. We always have great food! There will be a session for the mothers and pageant directors again this year. Pageant directors take time to look into the opportunity in sending your reigning queen to the clinic as an incentive for your contest. We have a number of pageants who've found that it is a great prize for queens. Not only does it increase your pageant visibility, it helps your queen to become a better person and reigning queen for your rodeo. An added attraction will be the decorated hat contest. Hats to be designed and decorated by the person wearing the hat. No age limits. Categories will include:

- The Western Hat
- The Most Unique and Beautiful Hat
- The Madd Hatter
- The Minnie Pearl Hat

Ladies young and old put your thinking cap on now and be part of the "Run for Royalty" Hat Contest.

Please mark your calendars NOW for the 2011 "RUN FOR ROYALTY" MRNA Queen Clinic—March 11, 12, & 13, 2011.

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LIL' COWGIRLS



The 7th annual Lil' Cowgirl clinic hosted 31 Lil' Cowgirls from across the state. Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010, Michelle Boeshart hosted the one day clinic held in North Platte, NE at Mid-Plains Community College. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2009, Matisyn Humphrey was a featured guest. Miss Rodeo America 2009, Maegan Ridley mad a guest appearance and helped throughout the clinic. Sessions included speech, modeling, craft, manners, and etiquette. A dance routine with Lil' Cowgirl Coreographers, Miss 1994 Burwell Rodeo Queen, Shana Meyer Simpson and Lynn Meyer. Rachell Mullen Photography captured photos of each Lil' Cowgirl with MRN 2010 and a group photo with MRN 2010, MTRN 2009, and Special Guest Miss Rodeo America 2009. Everyone enjoyed a session on articulation given by Speech Pathologist, Cynthia Strickland. The Lil' Cowgirls participated in several events during Nebraskaland Days and will be participating at the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Sendoff in the fall. Thank You to all the Lil' Cowgirls for attending!

Chris Gaudreault

"Ride Proud" was the motto heard during each event of this year's Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant held June 13-16 in North Platte, NE. The rain poured down to usher in Sunday, June 13, Horsemanship competition. In a soggy, water-puddled, arena competitors showed the pageant judges their horsemanship skills and knowledge. The rain continued to fall as the first ever Horsemanship BBQ event began in the pavilion area of the Wild West Arena. The Horsemanship BBQ replaces the Horsemanship Luncheon usually held on Monday of the pageant. The event was a fun-filled family BBQ with a live auction. Twelve businesses contributed items for the auction. Contestants described the items by creating a commercial for each item. The BBQ also included a "Run For the Buckle" rodeo relay. Teams of four were formed with the addition of a rodeo queen added to each team for "expertise". Competition included an egg race, stick horse races, bubble gum race and other fun games. Miss Rodeo America, Kelli Jackson made her appearance at the BBQ for a meet and greet. MRN 2010, Michelle Boeshart, added a Branding Board to display area brands for a donation of the brand owner. The board will be auctioned off at a later date. An autograph session with fifteen visiting rodeo queens from around the United States and Miss Rodeo America ushered style show guests through the silent auction area at the doorway of the "Ride Proud" Style Show on Tuesday evening, June 15 at the Quality Inn and Suites. Guests had an opportunity to shop at several vendor booths for that "must have" item before finding a good viewing point for the glamorous sequin-filled style show. The Lil' Cowgirls strutted their stuff on the runway to help begin the style show. Miss and Teen contestants, MRN, MRA, MTRN and visiting queens modeled some of their competition outfits. A highlight of the style show was the Miss Teen Rodeo Contestant Speech Competition. Teen contestants presented their speeches to be judged for the pageant. Impromptu questions were also given to the Miss and Teen contestants. Visiting queens practiced public speaking by adding little known facts about their home states. The Quality Inn and Suites was also the venue for the early morning Miss Rodeo Nebraska Queen's Breakfast. Queen contestants presented their competition speeches for the judges and Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska for 2010 was crowned. Our new Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2010 is Miss Shelby Peters from Red Cloud, NE. She is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Joe and Candy Peters. Her activities include 4-H, FFA, cheerleading, National Honor Society, softball and band. She has a passion for horses and rodeo and plans to be a positive role model, animal advocate and ambassador for the sport of rodeo during her reign. Shelby was presented a saddle given by Hanging H Ranch of Sutherland, NE, a two year scholarship given by North Platte & McCook Community College, a belt buckle

given by Hansen 77 Ranch and various other awards. First runner up for the teen title is Shylee Hewitt of Whitney, Nebraska. Category winners of the competition were: Speech, Photogenic and Appearance – Shylee Hewitt, Written Test- Shelby Peters and Franny Rieken of Fullerton, Nebraska. Personality- Shelby Peters. Congeniality- Franny Rieken, and Horsemanship, Shelby Peters. Miss Becky Grimm was crowned the 2011 "First Lady of Nebraska Rodeo" at the Wednesday evening performance of the PRCA Buffalo Bill Rodeo at the Wild West Arena. Becky comes to us from Harrison, NE. She is the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Duane and Pattie Grimm and is currently attending Chadron State College majoring in business administration. It is her goal as Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2011 to share her love of rodeo with people from all walks of life. Becky's pageant awards include a saddle given by Agri-Affiliates of North Platte, a two year scholarship presented by North Platte and McCook Community College, a belt buckle given by the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Committee, a \$1000 scholarship given by Nebraskaland Days, a \$700 scholarship given by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association Scholarship Fund, and a \$300 scholarship award from the Dee Marquardt Memorial. She also received many other gifts from businesses and supporters. Following four grueling days of competition Grimm won the categories of horsemanship, appearance, personality and speech. She will serve as lady-in-waiting until January when she officially takes over for Michelle Boeshart, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010. Tamera Moorhead of Ogallala won the categories of photogenic, written test and congeniality. First runner-up for the Miss title was Erika Backes of Bushnell, Nebraska. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved with presenting this top-notch pageant. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant is known as a class act in rodeo circles. The pageant is only made possible by the donations of Pageant Partners, Event Sponsors, many business and individual donors, and the hard work of volunteers. Make plans to attend the next Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held THE third week of June 2011 in conjunction with NebraskaLand Days in North Platte, NE where RIDIN', ROPIN', AND ROYALTY will be the focus for the pageant. Our thoughts and prayers are now with Michelle Boeshart, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 as she prepares to represent Nebraska and the sport of rodeo as she competes for the title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas, NV in December.

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU MICHELLE! RIDE PROUD.



** **Rodeo Queens are very important to a lot of people. Chuck Salestrom is part of the North Platte Community College, who became a strong supporter/sponsor for the MRN Pageant several years ago. He has also served on the NebraskaLand Days board. What a nice letter & tribute to all of the Rodeo Queens involved in the MRN Pageant, Buffalo Bill Rodeo, and the NebraskaLand Days events. The following message was recently received from Chuck's son Joshua. State Queens past/present who have signed autographs might not know the impact they had on a group of special forces.

"Dad,
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending the autographed photos of the Rodeo Queens. If you could pass my thanks on to anyone and everyone who was involved with this effort I'd appreciate it. For the last 4 years or so I could count on your care package from NebraskaLand Days. Sometimes I was deployed overseas, sometimes I was home. I always made a practice to share the photos with my fellow soldiers. It was always fun to see the guys pick out the Rodeo Queen from their home state. We had guys from Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming just to name a few. To this day, autographed photos of Rodeo Queens are hanging on the walls of some of the most important forward deployed Tactical Operations Centers in the Global War on Terror. The kind words that many of the Rodeo Queens wrote serve as inspiration to the guys who night after night, take the fight to the enemy's front door. So again, please accept my thanks and the thanks of the soldiers from the fastest deployable task force in the world!

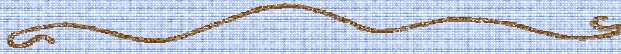
SSG Joshua Salestrom, 2/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne)

"The Night Stalkers"

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall—I think we are all looking forward to some cooler weather. We had our meeting in July & had a good turnout. Johna Niedfeldt gave a report on the audit she had done with the treasurer records of the last 3 years. She had good suggestions and we really appreciate her taking the time to do this for the association. What a great pageant we had—new changes, new events, and it went really well. The change to a BBQ following horsemanship on Sunday, even with the rain, was very successful. The Style Show was spectacular. The Scholarship Auction, Miss Rodeo America & her court of 1 State Queens, & the Speech and Teen Coronation Breakfast were so very well organized & fun was had by all. A special Thank You to Michelle & Matisyn for doing a great job attending all of the Nebraska Land Days events, autograph sessions, hosting MRA and all of the visiting queens, and doing such a wonderful job at the rodeo each night. We had many good compliments on how gracious they both were. Congratulations to our MRN 2011 Becky Grimm and MTRN 2010 Shelby Peters. It was a tough contest and we know we will enjoy working with both of these young ladies. Election of officers will be at our annual meeting in October. We have a nominating committee in place. Please contact any one of them if you are interested in running for office or serving on the Executive Board as a voting MRNA member. Personally, I've never found the words to truly express my gratitude and thanks to the many people involved in getting all of the work done that is needed during the pageant. It takes all of us in the association plus many other people who care about the MRNA program. From the bottom of my heart a big "WOW" It was awesome, THANK YOU. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in October.

Take Care,
Mardee Swanson
MRNA President



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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 20 Information deadline for October MRNA Newsletter
- Oct. 10 Annual Meeting/Election of Officers
- Nov. 12 Send-Off Celebration—North Platte Creek Side Event Center
- Nov. 28—Dec. 4 MRA Pageant in Las Vegas
- Jan. 2011 Coronation of MRN 2011

Thank You!!



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