



Miss Rodeo Kansas and I beside the fear Jamaican Bobsled

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Breakfast. Another BIG highlight of NebraskaLand Days was having 22 visiting state and national rodeo queens come for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and Buffalo Bill Rodeo. The first night of the rodeo was "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night and every state queen wore pink. It was absolutely amazing to see all those queens dressed in pink in the arena. Wednesday night! I was also honored to crown Erin Robbins, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2007. We had six contestants this year and they all did an excellent job. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Erin, Lexi, Erika, Danie, Ashley, and Charlee! I know Erin



Whitney My best friend and sister

has a busy year and half ahead. I wish all the other girls the very best of luck! I had two days off after NLD and I was off and running again! I got to attend the Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen Contest and also the Ponca PRCA Rodeo in the far Northeastern corner of the State, which brought June to a close.

July started off with a trip to the Greeley Stampede where I attended the Miss Rodeo Colorado Pageant. For the 4th of July I was in Crawford, NE where I attended the queen contest and rodeo. I met up with Amy Amack whom I had an absolute blast with! While in the area I had the opportunity to sign autographs for Timberline Autoplex and also spent time with Marv Dyer who made my gorgeous chaps! It was an honor to be able to wear them in Crawford, NE where they were made! I had a day off and then mom and I were on Flight 4340 bound for Calgary, Canada. What an amazing trip! This by far has been one of the biggest highlights of my year. We toured the Canadian Olympic Park where the 1988 Winter Olympics were held. For those of you who are familiar with the popular movie *Cool Running's*, which was

a true story about a Jamaican Bobsled team, we got to see the actual bobsled they carried to the finish line during the 1988 Olympic Bobsled competition. We also got to experience what it is like to be an athlete when we went on a luge ride. The ride only lasted about 4 seconds, but you sure went fast! While in Canada we also went to Banff, a small mountain village and rode the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain. It was a breathtaking view from the top. Finally, we attended the Calgary Stampede the last full day we were there. This was the most amazing rodeo I have ever been to! I was introduced on a stage in front of 35,000 fans and also got to meet PRCA Announcer of the Year, Wayne Brooks. That evening we attended the legendary chuck wagon races and one of the biggest events, the Calgary Stampede Night Show. The music and dancing was beautiful along with the 75 degree weather the whole time we were up there. As soon as my plane landed in Denver I was off to Estes Park, CO for the Roof Top Rodeo,



On top of Pikes Peak

Parade, and Queens Luncheon. I was honored as a guest and was lucky enough to ride in a beautiful convertible with Miss Rodeo Colorado. It was a nice change from riding a horse all the time. After my quick trip to Estes Park I was off and running again, this time down to Colorado Springs. While there I met up with 17 other state queens. We got to ride the Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak. I didn't realize how high 14,110 feet was until I was at the top of the mountain. I also was blessed to be able to enjoy the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo along with attending the ProRodeo Hall of Fame Inductions.



Dear Friends and Family

Wow!! It seems like it has been ages since June, but at the same time it seems like just yesterday I was competing at the Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2007 with five other terrific young women, where I had the honor to be crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2007. Although the pageant was four long and intense days, it was a wonderful experience that I wouldn't think twice about doing again.

Since the Buffalo Bill Rodeo in June, I have had the opportunity to travel quite a bit. My first official appearance as "Lady in Waiting" was in Seward, NE during their Fourth of July community celebration. While I was there I helped judge a pet contest, rode in the parade, and watched a great fireworks display. Next I went to Genoa and met up with Jennifer Calvin, Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2006. We signed autographs while riding in a horse drawn wagon, and rode "shot gun" on

top of a stagecoach during the parade (Yes, we did carry shotguns!). Thank you for the rides Sonora Carriage Company! July 22nd saw the first ever recognized National Day of the Cowboy in Nebraska. It was held in Ainsworth and was a terrific event with several fun events held throughout the day and evening. The last weekend in July proved to be a busy one! I went to Nebraska's Big Rodeo for Thursday night, Wahoo for Friday night, then back to Burwell for Thursday afternoon and evening performances, as well as auctioning off a kiss from myself and Miss Burwell Rodeo, Kristen Schott, to benefit the Burwell 4-H council. On Sunday my parent's and I traveled to Alliance to move my "stuff" home to Burwell. What a weekend!! In August I traveled to Sidney, NE and Gordon, NE to help with their PRCA rodeos. I also emceed the Sheridan County Rodeo Queen Style Show and Speech Competition. Labor Day weekend I had the opportunity to spend a day with Ashley Rice, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2006, at the State Fair in Lincoln signing autographs for the 4-H kids. Then I went to Hastings for the final performance of the Oregon Trail Rodeo.

Thank you to all of my host families and to everyone who have made my travels so enjoyable and such a great experience.

Erin Robbins
"Lady in Waiting" MRN 2007

SAVE THE DATE FOR MY CORONATION!!
JANUARY 6TH, 2007
BURWELL LEGION CLUB
BURWELL, NE
 Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.
 Supper - 6:00 p.m.
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AND THE WINNER IS...

MRNA would like to say congratulations to the newly crowned queens.



Logan County Rodeo Queen	Matisyn Humphrey	Maxwell, NE
Miss Burwell Rodeo	Kristen Schott	Battle Creek, NE
Miss Days of '56 (Ponca)	Raquel Talfer	Underwood, IA
Miss Rodeo Cherry County	Miranda Dodson	North Platte, NE
Miss Rodeo Sheridan County	Amy Amack	Chadron, NE
Miss Webster County Rodeo Princess	Jessica Petsch	Guide Rock, NE
Miss Webster County Rodeo Queen	Jenna Harris	Fairfield, NE
Nuckolls County Rodeo Queen	Samantha Mousel	Red Cloud, NE
Ogallala Roundup Rodeo Queen	Rosanna Goin	Hayes Center, NE
Old West Trail Jr. King	Charis Mader	
Old West Trail Jr. Queen	Jamie Thompson	Whitney, NE
Old West Trail PRCA Rodeo Queen	Becky Grimm	Harrison, NE
Old West Trail PRCA Rodeo Princess	Ashley Bergfield	Whitney, NE
Oregon Trail Rodeo Queen	Kendra Hansen	Brady, NE
Southwest NE Rodeo Princess	Kelcia Kugler	McCook, NE
Southwest NE Rodeo Queen	Emma Gosnell	Maxwell, NE
Wilsonville Rodeo Queen	Stephanie Rogers	Arnold, NE

Please let us know if we missed anybody. We will include them in our next issue. Thank You!

MRN 2007 PAGEANT RESULTS

Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2007
 Erin Irene Robbins—Burwell, NE

1st Runner Up
 Charlee Dawn Connell—Whitney, NE

Speech
 Erin Irene Robbins—Burwell, NE

Photogenic
 Charlee Dawn Connell—Whitney, NE

Congeniality
 Ashley Christine Prescott—Lincoln, NE

Personality
 Erin Irene Robbins—Burwell, NE

Appearance
 Erin Irene Robbins—Burwell, NE

Horsemanship
 Alexis Jannette Schmitt—Chadron, NE

Non-Finalists
 Erika Michelle Backes—Bushnell, NE
 Danie Marie Hilton—Kearney, NE