

Dear friends and family,

In June I was greatly honored when I became the very first Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. After being crowned, I attended the rest of NebraskaLand Days and have been busy ever since. My first stop was Genoa, Nebraska. I don't know that I have ever signed that many autographs. I had a wonderful time and it was a great opportunity to get to know Erin better.

After Genoa, I was off to help end the drought that is plaguing the state. Now I know that I can't single handily fix this, but it seemed that everywhere I went it rained. First off, was Sutherland. While it didn't rain at the rodeos it did a pretty good job of soaking me to the bone during the parade. Next it was on to McCook for the Southwest Nebraska Rodeo Queen and Princess pageant. I had the honor of emceeing the style show at this event with Derek Beck, a local radio personality and had a wonderful time. I learned a lot about the art of ad-libbing between contestants from one of McCook's finest deejays. I also attended the Red Willow County Fair Rodeo the next weekend and assisted with the coronation of their newest royalty.



I next, had the honor of being a guest at the Ogallala Rodeo Queen and Princess contest and attended the rodeo both nights, where yet again, it rained. I have never felt as special as I did while staying with Liz O'Connor and the amazing Alex O'Connor. They truly know how to treat someone like a queen. A few weeks ago I attended the three performances of the Nebraska State Rodeo Association finals. It was an honor to present "Old Glory" through the performances and work with all of the queens who attended, and guess what....it rained. I just returned from a trip to Crawford with Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Ashley Rice. We visited schools, attended a tailgate party and the Crawford Homecoming football game. Lots of autographs were signed, lots of pictures were taken, and believe it or not...it only sprinkled.

Jennifer Calvin  
Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2007



2006 **MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA** 2006

We did it, and what a success it was!! The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant was held on June 10-12, 2006 in conjunction with the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and NEBRASKALand Days. Jennifer Calvin from North Platte, NE holds the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2006.

Somebody asked me what it was like planning the pageant. My response was a lot of different emotions; excitement, fun, and happiness in watching such a tremendous event come together and fall into place. The MTRN Pageant Committee consisted of Heather Frederick, Sharon Halligan, Konnie Hodges, Jodi Propst, Stacy Schuster, Mardee Swanson, and myself. I could not have been more blessed to have such great friends to help plan this pageant. Whether it was asking for donations, planning events, or organizing host families, these ladies worked diligently to get their jobs done. This pageant would not have been successful without them!! A big thank you goes out to Lolly Klug and Penny Nicholson, for allowing me to rely on their wisdom and knowledge of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, for their creative nature, and their grounding to help keep me sane!! People who go out of their way taking their own time and money to help others succeed are true team players, and that is what Janet Mueller did by getting a saddle donated for us. Thank you Janet!! Chairman Cindy Petersen and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant were a tremendous support by allowing us to rely on their resources and knowledge.

We were very pleased with the caliber of contestants that ran for the 2006 MTRN title. This year's contestants were Jennifer Calvin, Roseanna Goin, and Bodelle Mueller. They performed and acted like seasoned veterans, and never ceased to amaze me with each new day that I spent with these young ladies. Their attitude, enthusiasm, and personalities made this pageant what it was. In my books they were all winners and deserved to take the title!! Sponsors played a big role in kicking off this pageant. With it being the 1<sup>st</sup> year, we had a lot of up front expenses.

The contestants stayed with Host Families this year that provided a home away from home atmosphere for the girls. I would like to say thank you so much to David and Deb Smith, Treg and Tracey Kearney and Bill and Sharon Negley.

Thanks to the MRNA and the Executive Board for allowing the committee and myself the opportunity to share in the lives of these young ladies, even if it may be for one year. After the pageant was over, one of my committee members summed up the reasoning why we volunteer long hours and endure the stress that comes along with planning a pageant, she stated "I finally got it, it's all about the girls!" We are already starting to plan for 2007, so if you would like to help out with the pageant please email me at [teenpageant@missrodeonebraska.org](mailto:teenpageant@missrodeonebraska.org).

Kellie Barner



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**NEWLY DESIGNED MRN WEBSITE COMING SOON!!**

At the July 16, 2006 MRNA meeting the general membership voted to accept the Sponsorship Committee's recommendation of hiring Michele Johnson of Art Cottage Web Design to redesign the Miss Rodeo Nebraska website. The new website will not only spotlight Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, and Lady-in-Waiting, Miss Rodeo Nebraska, it will also provide information for events held through out the year such as MRN Coronation, MRNA Queen Clinic, Li'l Cowgirls Clinic, MRN Pageant & NEBRASKALand Days activities, and the Send-Off Style Show. We will also continue to spotlight our Diamond Sponsors; in addition, we plan to offer our sponsors the opportunity to place a banner ad on the website for a fee. It is our intent that this fee will assist in paying for the initial website design and any future maintenance that will occur from time to time. Plans are to incorporate a newsletter archive and a secured members page where members can retrieve meeting minutes, membership lists, By-Laws, etc. Another area we would like to add is information for local pageants to include the date, contact person and current reigning royalty. Michele plans to have the newly designed website up for view within the next few weeks, however, this will be a continuous project - it will take some time for Michele to include all the information we need.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please contact the Executive Board.

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