



Hey Everybody!

This summer I was crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska for the year of 2008. As the lady in waiting this year I have had many exciting events that have happened to me in my travels and I can't wait to start in January!

I had a great time at my first away rodeo as Lady-in-Waiting at my hometown rodeo- The Madison County Fair & Rodeo in Madison, Nebraska. I had so much fun and my community showed so much support for me. My horse bucked all three nights, but I didn't fall off and it made for some cheap entertainment for the crowd! Two weeks later I attended the National Day of the Cowboy Celebration in Ainsworth, Nebraska. This was a really fun event and I hope my schedule will permit me to go back again next year. I then made my way over to Wahoo, Nebraska, where I had a great time at their Wahoo Saddle Club PRCA Rodeo. I also went to Omaha, Nebraska where I helped out with a fundraiser radiothon for the Thunderbear foundation. They had Husker legends come in and talk on the radio about what they were doing now in order to raise money to buy outdoor accommodations/equipment for the handicapped. I even got to sign a football, which was rather awkward, but somehow I got the job done! I also got Husker autographed football for my dad so he was

pretty happy too! My travels then took me to the Mid-States Rodeos held in Gordon and Valentine. I got to have a lot of fun with newly crowned Miss Rodeo Sheridan County, Ericka Backes. I also met Lisa Jamison for the first time and that pretty much made my entire weekend! In Valentine I signed autographs at First National Bank and Dallas and Candy Dodson of Valentine adopted me for the weekend! Even though both towns are in different time zones, I went back and forth between the two towns all weekend and I got some good road time (I put 1,000 miles on my car)! I then traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to sign autographs at the Nebraska State Fair for a Celebrity 4-Hers Autograph session, where I signed a ton of autographs and had the opportunity to meet Miss Nebraska. As soon as I got done at the fair I jetted off to Hastings, Nebraska for the Oregon Trail Rodeo. My first trip out of state as Lady-in-Waiting took me to Denver, Colorado, where I attended my first Denver Market! Wow! I'm still in shock! Erin and I had a great time "shopping" together. I can't wait to go back in January! Probably the highlight of my travels was Grand Island, Nebraska where I attended the Equestrian Special Olympics. I got to help out some great contestants and one of my old horses was used for some of the classes. A little girl named Jordan that I coached took second place in the barrel racing on my old horse!

I have also been diligently working on my Coronation set for Friday, January 4th, 2008 at Divot's Conference Center in Norfolk, Nebraska. The event will start at 6:00. I will be selling tickets in advance only. Of course, you are all invited to attend! There is a very nice hotel connected to the conference center—Norfolk Lodge & Suites, that I would recommend staying at if you get the chance. Hope to see you there!

As you can probably see I have been super busy, but I have loved every minute of it.

Thanks for your support!

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Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2008

