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"OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!"

"I can sleep when I'm dead" has become my theme for this year's busy rodeo season!! It has been a struggle to sit down for a moment & write this letter. It is even harder to recall the million different places I have been in the last four months! I continued my trek across the country to the UNL Rodeo. Go Huskers!! The UNL Rodeo Team put on an outstanding rodeo & I was so glad to see some of my college friends. From there I went to North Platte for the Bluegrass Festival sponsored by Mentzer Oil Company. I had never listened to Bluegrass before & I can honestly say I enjoyed the day. I even got to request "Man of Constant Sorrow" by the Soggy Bottom Boys (apparently that is Bluegrass!!) I returned home & made a visit to the Homestead in Norfolk. I really enjoyed visiting with the residents & their families as I put on a minifashion show. I had a crazy week in Omaha with Karla Maddux at the Agency 89 Modeling School. I modeled on a runway in 6-inch spike heels!! I almost died & marked that moment as the most dangerous thing I have done all year. I think that everyone there got a kick out of my near-death experience, so I suppose it was worth it. I was also in Omaha for the Berkshire-Hathaway Stockholder's Meeting. I was invited by Paul Fredrickson of Fredrickson Construction. Let me tell you, if all business meetings are that much fun, count me in! The day didn't start out quite like I had planned it. I was supposed to meet Paul at 6:00 a.m. so we could make the movie, which was one of the highlights of the day. However, I got a phone call from Paul at 6:45 a.m. & I was still lying in bed! I freaked out & ran around my room like crazy trying to get ready. Luckily all I missed was the movie & I still got to participate in everything. I had pictures taken with everyone from the Fruit of the Loom Guys to the Geico Lizard. I also stopped by the Justin Brands booth & went shopping. The guys there were nice enough to give me a pair of limited edition pink goatskin Justin boots! They had everything at this meeting including a real Texas Longhorn which I got to ride! And as the adventurous woman that I am, I was able to sample some odd cuisine. I ate escargot & shockingly enough—snails are delicious! After Omaha I went to Arizona for the Miss Rodeo Arizona Pageant. I got to spend a day with my Grandma Schott in Sun City West where we went shopping for sunglasses. I drove a golf cart around town—those things go a lot faster than I thought they could. We had so much fun together & it was good to spend some time with my family. I then went to Payson, Arizona for the Pageant. I stayed in a mansion of a house (it had an elevator in it)! Arizona is such a beautiful state & I had so much fun with my queen friends. We had a very eventful week that included: a trip to the Grand Canyon Railway, walking to the Grand Canyon in 100 degree weather, riding four-wheelers double, & roasting tootsie rolls over an open fire. I then had the opportunity to attend a Myler Bitting Seminar that was held at Lucky D Tack in Gretna, NE. I learned a lot & I was so glad to see my friend Deb Dyer again! She has sponsored me with some wonderful pink tack to support the Wrangler "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" cause. She has everything from pink spurs to pink blankets, buckets, and polo wraps. Thanks for her support of me and a great cause. June kicked off with the Cattleman's Ball where I was privileged enough to be one of their models during the fashion show (no heels this time). The profits of the Cattleman's Ball go to support local cancer research. The Cattleman's Ball was close enough that my Mom and Dad, & Ed and Linda Axford of Axford Construction were able to attend. We had a lot of fun & we left right before the rain came down. It was a great event & I had the chance to hang out with my cowgirl buddy McKinley Wilson who was gracious enough to donate a beautiful yellow & turquoise custom cowboy hat for the cause! The next week took me back to North Platte for NebraskaLand Days & the Buffalo Bill Rodeo. I had so much fun during those 10 days that I don't even know where to start. It was an amazing event overall & I had a blast with Tammy Moorhead MTRN 2007. It is very hard to not have fun when you are with Tammy! The highlight of the week, besides the rodeo, was probably the All-Male Cake Bake or the Prime Rib Feed at Scout's Rest Ranch. I had a group of wonderful ladies chaperone me during NebraskaLand Days. They did an awesome job & I thank them for their time during such a busy week. I also got my first motorcycle ride when I was doing a radio spot for Jody's Auto sales who donated an awesome pickup for me to drive during my reign. I am so thankful for this major donation! And of course, we cannot forget the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant that took place during this time. All of the girls who competed for the MRN 2009 and MTRN 2008 titles did an awesome job! Congratulations to Amy Amack MRN 2009 and Kristin Kohmetscher MTRN 2008. You are both going to do a great job! After NEBRASKALand Days, I had just enough time to bring my horse home,

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