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repack, & head for Hastings to judge the Miss High School Rodeo Nebraska Contest. They had some wonderful ladies vying for the title. I had a great time hanging out with my good friends Miss Oregon Trail Rodeo Miranda Dodson & Kendra Hansen. We decided that as queen's we never get to be happy homemakers so the best way to appease our craving to cook was to buy an Easy Bake Oven. We baked cakes & cookies in my hotel room for about 4 hours & only burned one thing! I made my way to the Northeast corner of our state for the Days of '56 Rodeo in Ponca. Although I got rained on every night of the rodeo, I had fun. The Ponca Rodeo Association puts on an awesome rodeo & I saw my first ever arena race. It got pretty wild as riders did a relay race around the arena in the mud. After Ponca I headed to Crawford. Luckily I only got rained on once during the rodeo. I not only had fun at the rodeo, but I also got to climb a butte. I am terribly afraid of heights, however, I made it to the top & it was worth it. I also got a personal guided tour of Fort Robinson. I was filled in on everything from the names of the Fort's horses and mules to the ghosts that allegedly roam the grounds. I even got to see a buffalo herd. The Crawford 4th of July celebration was amazing & the scenery was beautiful. I left the final rodeo performance on the 4th & drove all night to arrive home around 5:30 a.m. My next trip took me to Canada for the Calgary Stampede. Of course, I had to fly there & I always come back with an interesting story when I fly—this one is definitely a dandy!! I woke up at 3 a.m. so I could be to the airport in Omaha by 5:30 a.m. because my flight left at 7:30 a.m. I waited in line at United Airlines for about an hour. Then the computer wouldn't accept my confirmation number, so I waited in another line for about half an hour where they told me they gave this flight to Northwest Airlines, conveniently located at the other end of the airport. I sprinted over to their desk praying there wouldn't be a line. They had already closed the gate & the computer wouldn't let the desk agent override it. Just my luck!! I missed my flight & had to wait around Omaha until my flight left at 3:30 p.m. I finally arrived in Canada later that evening, & I had so much fun at the Calgary Stampede. This is definitely one of the best orchestrated events. My favorite part was the chuck wagon races. I couldn't wait to come home for the Madison County Fair & Rodeo. It was nice to see family, friends, & sponsors again. I had the honor of carrying the American Flag all three nights of the rodeo. However, I had to leave immediately after the rodeo on Friday night because I had to be in Colorado Springs for the ProRodeo Hall of Fame Inductions. I rolled in to Colorado Springs at around 5:30 a.m., but I was up and smiling in a couple of hours to see the Buffalo Bill Rodeo inducted in to the Hall of Fame. What an honor for this rodeo & for Nebraska. After a nap I went to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo & helped with the mutton bustin'. I was very excited to go to Cheyenne Frontier Days. Nebraska's Big Rodeo is one of my favorite rodeos of all time. I was happy to be back in Burwell. When I became Miss Burwell Rodeo, the town welcomed me with open arms & it was no different when I returned as Miss Rodeo Nebraska. A big thanks goes to Rob & Pat Burnham for hosting me and a big thanks to Jerry and Tammy Rowse for the horse they provided. The most memorable point of the weekend was when the clown roman rode on the back of the queen's horses! Additionally, all of the queens auctioned off a kiss at the 4-H livestock sale to support the local 4-H program. My kiss was purchased for an 8-year-old boy who wouldn't even touch me, let alone kiss me!! I told him he would regret it in 10 years, but he didn't believe me. I recently returned from the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant held in Dodge City, KS. I had so much fun hanging out with Miss Rodeo Kansas, Jenna Nelson, & the contestants. The Dodge City Rodeo is one of the best rodeos I have ever been to and the Kansas hospitality was definitely appreciated. It has been the craziest summer of my entire life, but it has been a blast. I am so thankful for all of these opportunities & I am having the time of my life. I cannot wait to see where my rodeo road leads to next!

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