


NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

"There's an excitement in the air", what a pageant we are going to have with 10 contestants—4 Miss and 6 Teen. "Wow" we are going to be busy, and some changes in events with Horsemanship and a Barbecue with Live Auction and Team Competition all held in the same place on Sunday. Moving the Miss Speeches and Teen Coronation to the Quality Inn on Wednesday morning will provide us with a great stage for that event. Check the website for updated committee lists, membership information, pageant information, and meetings with agendas. If you haven't paid your dues for 2010, please get them to Lori to stay involved. A special "Thank You" to the many people involved in the Queen Clinic, disabled Linda Evans directed the whole crew to a successful event (don't know how she did it, but she did). Much appreciation to the Mid-Plains Community College for the use of their wonderful facility; how nice to have lots of room. How proud I am of the work that all of the association members do, and seeing so many former MRN's stepping up and sharing their knowledge is such a blessing. With change comes growth and I leave you with this quote from Pearl S. Buck "Solution is possible where acceptance is ready". See you in June.

Mardee Swanson, MRNA President

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13-16 MRN 2011 and MTRN 2010 Pageant
 July 11 MRNA General Meeting 2:00 P.M. LaQuinta Inn & Suites, North Platte NE
 July 20 Information deadline for August MRNA Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

MRN 2001 Lindy (Nicholson) Kaufholtz & her husband Curtis welcomed to their family McKenzie Grace Kaufholtz on March 26, 2010. Granddaughter of MRNA member, Penny Nicholson.

Congratulations to MRN 2008 Ashley Rice Gerlach and MRN 2008 Kristen Schott Wolken, both graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in December of 2009. Ashley graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a major in marketing. She is currently working full time as a clinic volunteer coordinator for the People's City Mission Freed Medical Clinic. She recruits, schedule, and trains volunteers who come in to give of their time and talents to serve those uninsured residents of Lancaster County. She has been accepted in to Bellevue University's Master's of Public Administration Program which she will begin in May 2010. Kristen graduated with a degree in Business Administration with a dual minor in Psychology and Communications. She graduated with Highest Distinction from the University Honors Program.



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SUMMER 2010



NEBRASKA'S FIRST LADY OF RODEO
Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 Michelle Boeshart
"RIDE PROUD"

Hello all!!! I am finding out more & more everyday that time really does fly when you're having fun...It seems just like yesterday that I was telling everybody what my plans were for the beginning of the year as Miss Rodeo Nebraska & now I am catching you all up to almost halfway through my year!! Last time we chatted I had been in Rapid City, SD for their annual stock show & rodeo. Two weeks after South Dakota I left for Kissimmee, FL for the Silver Spurs Rodeo & Queen Pageant. I was in Florida for a week & was joined by 16 other States Queens and MRA, Kelli Jackson. During our time there we visited many schools, talking about rodeo events & promoting the local rodeo being held that weekend in Kissimmee. Tuesday night we all attended the Silver Spurs Miss & Little Miss Pageant. All contestants did a fabulous job & the pageant was very well put together. I was very happy to be able to attend! Congratulations once again to the winners of the pageant. When we were all down there we got to do some things that you can only do in Florida! We enjoyed two nights of Hog Hunting, although we NEVER saw a Hog! Let's just say that we were all very disappointed. We were able to go on air boat rides, in which the girls on my boat saw eight alligators! We had a wonderful guide who answered all of our crazy questions & stopped frequently so we could take pictures of every little thing we saw. On Friday we went to Coco Beach & enjoyed the 70+ degree weather in our swimsuits!! Please remember that I was there the last week in February & sitting on the beach...I made sure to send a picture to my parents of us driving down the road with the AC on! The last we all got the opportunity to go to Disney World...Words can't even start to explain the fun we had there! Just picture this...a bunch of 20-23 year old girls running-yes, running from ride to ride, buying Mini-mouse ears to wear & screaming like little girls on the rides! All three nights of the rodeo were action-packed. During the rodeo all of the state queens went around the crowd & surveyed people throughout the audience asking questions about the rodeo, their favorite event, etc. I was able to sit with a family from England that was on vacation with their cousins from Ireland. I told them all about Nebraska & rodeo. It was very interesting to hear about where they lived & their thoughts of rodeo. That was actually the first rodeo a lot of them had ever seen so it was

pretty amazing to share that with them. I want to thank Mark & Laura Kessler so much for everything they did for all of us while we were there! It was a great trip & experience that I will definitely remember forever. I also would like to thank my wonderful host family, Chris & Casey Baker along with their two beautiful daughters, Scout & Logan. I enjoyed them so much & they were such a great family to stay with! We stay in touch still; I update them with what I have been doing & Casey makes sure to keep me informed on how their family is! I returned home on February 22. February 23-24 I had the opportunity to travel with Secretary of State, John Gale, to schools within Nebraska to help celebrate Nebraska's Birthday! Throughout two days I visited schools in Scottsbluff, Sidney, McCook, & Kearney. It was such a neat experience & a great opportunity to help celebrate this great state's birthday. A few days later I was at the Buffalo Bill's Birthday Bash. It was a fun-filled night that brought a lot of people out & showcased a lot of different vendors that surround the community of North Platte. There were many auction items & a lot of generous donations that helped make the night so successful! Every year the Birthday Bash has a different theme; this year was a pirate theme so I made sure to wear my sword & parrot!! After Buffalo Bill's Birthday Bash I had a few weeks to start preparing for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Queen Clinic. The clinic turned out to be a success & I believe everybody was very impressed with our new location & different clinicians we had in attendance. Sunday was horsemanship & I was grateful for the fact that we were able to have it at my house! Soon after horsemanship, myself & MRA 2009, Maegan Ridley, headed back to North Platte to help with the Lil' Cowgirls Clinic. All the girls that attend both the MRN Clinic & the Lil' Cowgirls Clinic did a wonderful job, & I was so excited to see so many girls interested in becoming the new Miss Rodeo Nebraska!! April 1 came before I knew it & I started getting ready to leave for Pocatello, ID for the Dodge National Circuit Finals. Miss Rodeo South Dakota, McKenzie Haley & I met up in Cheyenne & began our long adventure...The weather had not been the best a couple of days before we left but the fore-



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MISSION STATEMENT:


To provide an opportunity for young women of high moral and ethical character to promote Nebraska and the sport of rodeo.
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MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2011 MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA 2010 PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

COMPETING FOR THE TITLE OF MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2011 ARE:



AMANDA PFLASTERER—Grand Island, NE

would like to be Miss Rodeo Nebraska to educate people that rodeo is not just for those who live on ranches or lead rural lifestyles. She would like to let people know that it is open to anyone with a competitive spirit and who loves excitement and family values. She would like to encourage people to think outside the box and get involved in the many activities that rodeo promotes.



REBECCA GRIMM—Hastings, NE

would like to be Miss Rodeo Nebraska to share her love of rodeo with people from all walks of life, while preserving its heritage. The title is her passion of heart. She would be blessed to be given the opportunity to represent Nebraska and the great sport of rodeo.



ERIKA BACKES—Bushnell, NE

would like to be Miss Rodeo Nebraska because she has the skills, knowledge, endurance, and poise to generate more enthusiasm for the sport of rodeo and promote the State of Nebraska. She can perform these tasks with the highest dignity, gratitude, and regard that the title deserves. Youth need a positive role model who is involved in her abilities and knows how to work hard.



TAMERA MOORHEAD—Ogallala, NE

would like to be Miss Rodeo Nebraska not only to promote the sport she grew up in and loves, but to also promote her "Hoofprints" program.

COMPETING FOR THE TITLE OF MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA 2010



SHELBY PETERS—Red Cloud, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska because she has a passion for horses and rodeo and also has a desire to be a positive role model for everyone, an advocate for animals, and an ambassador for the great sport of rodeo and the State of Nebraska. She would also like to further her platform on teaching young women to be positive leaders and influences in their communities as well as to reach for the stars to accomplish their goals.



TASHONNA FRYE—Harrisburg, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska to encourage teenagers as well as young adults to "Stand Tall", believe in themselves, and set their own goals for who they are as an individual. She will promote the wonderful sport of rodeo and the great state of Nebraska.



MORGAN YENDRA—Kearney, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska because of the great learning experience and to help educate all ages about the sport of rodeo. She plans to attend several elementary schools in her area talking about character, organize a kids' rodeo, as well as help build self-esteem in our youth. She would represent the title with the utmost moral and ethical values.



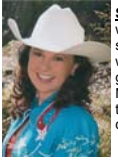
MARY RIEKEN—Fullerton, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska to promote the sport of rodeo and the western way of life to the best of her ability. She wants to have a positive impact on the younger generation and to be the best role model she can be.



JIMI PINNEY—Johnstown, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska to help keep our western heritage alive and be a positive face for rodeo. She would like to be the best role model she can be for other youth by displaying the importance of good moral character and ethics, all while promoting the great State of Nebraska and rodeo.



SHYLEE HEWITT—Whitney, NE

would like to be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska because she feels she is an outstanding rodeo ambassador. She was raised in a rodeo family with western traditions. Her goal is to promote rodeo, her community, the State of Nebraska, and self-esteem in young people by teaching them the importance of creating and achieving goals and dreams.

"RIDE PROUD" 2010 RODEO QUEEN CLINIC

"Wow" what a great clinic this year. We enjoyed a great group of young ladies and their mothers this past March. The association along with committee members dressed in the classic cowgirl style which was fun for all. The clinic was held at the Mid-Plains Community College this year which allowed for an impressive clinic and each girl was able to receive individual instruction. Friday night began with getting to know each other with 2009 Miss Rodeo America, Maegan Ridley and Ms. Sally Haythorn speaking to the group. Saturday morning began very early with a scrumptious breakfast by the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Committee. Sessions included Speech, Interviews, Appearance, Modeling, Makeup, Hair Design, Rodeo Knowledge, Hats & Boots, Photography, Sponsorship, Animal Rights, Rodeo Events, and Mock Interviews. A session was held for Mothers and Pageant Directors. Great food was enjoyed throughout the weekend. With our 50 clinicians, helpers, and the opportunity to utilize the Mid-Plains Community College, the three days were a great success. Saturday evening each young lady modeled as MRA 2009, Maegan Ridley, emceed the evening followed by an ice-cream social. Sunday we traveled just outside of North Platte to the Pawnee Springs Ranch and the indoor arena for a tasty breakfast and Church Services by AB Cox and Roger McGooden. The girls brought their horses and the morning sessions included Horsemanship Knowledge, Horsemanship, and Working the Arena. A delicious beef lunch was served by Steve Boeshart and Family.

A big thank you to our clinicians, MRA 2009—Maegan Ridley, MRA 2003—Lori Bortner-Harding, MRN 2003—Lynne Welker, MRN 1957—Lolly Klug, MRN 1995—Renee Ferguson, MRN 2009—Amy Amack, MRN 2010—Michelle Boeshart, MRN 1973—Maureen Manning, MRN 2004—Lindy Hiatt, Sally Haythorn, Marty Peterson, Jack Morris, Boyd Mignery, Roger McGooden, AB Cox, Paul Cleveland, Wade Clark, Ray Brown, Jan Brown, George Hipple, Jodi Propst, Tara Drain, Lana Grubbs, Kathy Moorhead, Sherri Dodson, Cindy Peterson, Lynne Jeffers, David Fudge, Sharon Halligan, John Lindenberger, Carol Bodeen, Kristyne Engdahl, Roberta Leshner, Miranda Dodson, John Childers, Marial Clark, Berva Arensdorf, Edy Patterson, and Janet Mueller. Special appreciation to my Assistants and Group Leaders, Peggy Moorhead, Karen Freeze, Bonnie Ehlers, Karen Troyer, Robyn Boeshart, Betty Priel, Sharon Negley, Cindy Backes, Courtney Barger, Rochelle Humphrey, Mardee Swanson, MTRN 2009 Matisyn Humphrey, and to the MRN Association members for donating their time and food. We are so grateful to our sponsors, Mid-Plains Community College, Buffalo Bill Rodeo Committee, Subway, McDonalds @ McCook, Pepsi, Gary's Super Foods, White Auction Service, Helping U Hear, MRN 1957 Lolly Klug, Town & Country Western Wear, Klug Farms, Troyers Crane Service, Velvet Spurs, KJ's Western Wear, Studio 54, Wells Fargo Bank, MRN 1984 Johna Klug-Niedfeldt, Custom Craft Sign Company, and Westfield Pharmacy. Thank you to each of you. Plans for the 2011 Clinic are already underway. Watch for an announcement of dates in July of this year.

"THANK YOU"

This year's clinic was a big challenge for me personally and I express my total appreciation to everyone for all of your added effort in making the clinic run so successfully. Thank you for all those who gave me that extra push in the wheelchair. Mardee thank you so much for all the times you picked me and the wheelchair/walker up. I know it was a challenge at times. I thank you all for your caring thoughts, prayers, card, flowers, and food the past 3 months. It was so appreciated. God Bless you all. Linda Evans



Hey everyone, Where in the world did the year go? What a great way to start March with the Rodeo Queen Clinic. I had such a great time meeting so many new people with the same love for Rodeo that I have.

I learned so many new & important things about the role of a Rodeo Queen. Had a great time with Maegan Ridley, MRA 2009. She showed me that you don't have to have your crown to have a title, the title of a person who truly cares for others. I had a great time showing the little cowgirls how to model. How did they know that is one of my favorite things to do? We strutted or stuff & practiced being ladies as we did it. They have so much life & I got so many hugs that I will be flying until I see them all again for NEBRASKALand Days. Can't wait to see your dance girls. Shine for all the world to see! This Friday I head to McCook for Garret Nokes Days to carry the sponsor flags. Thanks Myrna for inviting me to be a part of that special event in your community. Wow at this time last year I was getting polished & ready for the teen contest. Hope all of you girls who are signed up are ready to have a great time. Let me know if I can share any of my wisdom with you. I would love to help. Well I will see everyone for the fast and furious days in June. What a great time we will have and what memories we will create. Make the most of the moments we have and remember to keep your FOCUS!

Matisyn Humphrey, Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2009

