Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2011 Pageant

Mark your calendar for August 17th—August 21st to attend the 2011 Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant in Douglas, Wyoming during the Wyoming State Fair.

Entry Deadline—July 1st
See page 3 for pageant info.

Little Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant
For girls ages 5-12 years old
Entry fee is $50. With their entry fee they receive free admission to the MRW speeches and modeling luncheon held during state fair in Douglas, a LMRW t-shirt, a MRW program book, an autographed picture of MRW, an opportunity to spend the morning with the current MRW and the MRW contestants and they will perform and introduce themselves during the dance routine at the MRW speeches and modeling luncheon.

For more info contact Stacy Berger at 307-760-6354 or kyleandstacyberger@yahoo.com

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the clinic happen!
The annual Miss Rodeo Wyoming Clinic was held March 19-21 at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas. Maegan Ridley (MRA ’09) was the featured clinician and was assisted by Terry Swanson, DVM, and Erin Heffron (MRW 10). Other former Miss Rodeo Wyoming titleholders helped with the clinic as well. The clinic was attended by 25 young ladies from around the region and all agreed that it was a great weekend.

During the jam-packed weekend, attendees were coached in all areas of pageant competition. While the clinicians offered tricks of the trade, they also focused on each attendee’s strengths and weaknesses. This individualized attention and feedback was a highlight for many of the attendees.

Clinicians and attendees were housed in the Wyoming State Fairgrounds dormitories. Additionally, all events of the clinic were hosted on the State Fairgrounds. The Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association would like to extend a very gracious thank you to James Goodrich (WSF Director) for his support of the clinic as well as the Association. The Association would also like to give a huge thank you to Suzanne Stewart, clinic coordinator. Suzanne has coordinated the annual clinic the last several years and has truly enriched the experience for all attendees. The Association will miss Suzanne’s contributions as she has relocated to New Mexico.

Overall, the clinic was a success and we are excited for the future of our program!

Contributed by Jennifer Lipp, MRWA Treasurer
To schedule MRW 2010—Erin Heffron for an appearance at your western function or business event please contact the MRW Scheduling Coordinator:
Crystal Myers @ 307-851-5811 or smoothwaters@hotmail.com

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Remember part of your sponsorship package is a promotional appearance(s) by Miss Rodeo Wyoming at your business function.

Sponsor Ads Available in
MRW 2011 Pageant Program
Remember as part of your sponsorship benefit package that the following ads in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant Program are FREE to current sponsors.

Platinum Sponsors
Full Page Ad & 4 tickets to a rodeo at the Wyoming State Fair, & 4 tickets to the MRWA Luncheon during the pageant.

Gold Sponsors
Full Page Ad
3 tickets to rodeo
3 luncheon tickets

Silver Sponsor
1/2 page ad

Bronze Sponsor
1/4 page ad

Contact Kerri Cook at @ 307-461-1217 for details. Sponsor ads are due by July 5th.

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The Pageant will be held in Douglas during the Wyoming State Fair August 17th—August 21st

Application Deadline: July 1, 2010
Official Application Packets are available from Laurie Thoman Hernandez lthoman@hughes.net or 307-877-9336 (home) or 801-231-7041 (cell)
Preliminary information is available at missrodeoWyoming.com click “The Pageant” button and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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**Gold**

- Cody Stampede Rodeo
- Dick and Mary Carol Staiger
- David Lockman
- Jackson Hole Ski Resort
- Teton Saddle Back Vistas
- Fuchs Family
- Mark Marino
- Friends of Fair
- Longhorn Corral Ranch Supply
- Staples in Jackson Wyoming
- Kris Ciesinski
- Bob Lundy- Diamond L Trucking
- Jackson Hole High School Rodeo
- Holmes Construction
- Jolly Jumbuck
- Casey Hunter
- Tim Mahieu
- Feuz Excavation
- Mangis Family
- Best Western in Douglas
- Susan Hindman
- Tom & Betty Bock
- Susan Cattabriga
- Suzanne & Steven Olmstead
- Kevin & Stacey Mason
- Hines Goldsmith
- Grant and Beth Durtschi
- Life is Good
- Wrangler Magazine
- Mel Dahl
- Stone Drug
- Alice & Larry Williamson
- Rod & Linda Myers
- Carol Petersen
- Suzanne Stewart
- Heffron Family
- Maher Family
- Lees Tees
- Pilates Place
- Brady Nelson
- Tim & Laurie Stone
- Becky Cloetta
- Roy's Auto
- Vogel Family
- D'Agostino Family
- Carol Schar
- Sandy and Jack Dennis
- Billy & Jackie James
- Teton County Sheriff
- Ken & Harlene Blair
- Pat Goel
- Billy & Alesa Beard
- Albores Family
- Paul Carite
- Palmer Family
- Carol & Ed Owens
- Rod Everett
- Pat Hardenman
- Jamie & Pam Heffron
- Rob & Pam Woodson
- JoAnne Hague
- Game Creek Ranch
- Martha MacEachern
- Al & Carol Parker
- 49er Motel
- Mahood Family
- Jenny Jensen
- Auto Detail
- Linda Kay Nelson
- Jo Gathercole
- Jeanne Sanders
- Betty DeLaurentis
- Earle and Patty Laysor
- Joanne & Peter Stewart
- Riche Lunde
- Cathy Edmiston
- Marcia Campbell
- Stefani Thompson
- Jennifer Lipp
- John & Nancy Siverd
- Sweet Peony Design
- Ingrid Weber
- Shelley & Lou Gaylord
- Andrews Family
- Smitha
- Jim & Linore Wallace

**Silver**

- Wyoming State Fair
- Dan and Nancy Heffron
- Dan Post Boots
- Wear It Out Manuel
- Kippy's
- Tim Bath Chaps
- Julie Pederson
- Linn Family
- K2 News
- Cowgirl Creations Web Design
- Linn Ranch
- Sheila’s Hair Salon
- Nani’s Genuine House of Pasta
- Mill Iron Ranch
- Snow King
- Flat Creek Saddle
- Martindale’s Western Store in Laramie
- Ryan Cleaners
- Al and Jen Heffron
- Cheyenne Frontier Days
- Paul VonGontard
- Megan Bogle
- Jeff & Tracey Heilbrun
- Dick Boewingloh
- Steve & Luanne Kilpatrick
- Stellar Family
- Laurie Thomas-Hernandez
- Natrona Cowbelles
- Big Hollow Food Co-Op Laramie
- Centrella Family
- Cowboy Village Resort
- Echo Rigby
- Molly Goodrich
- Branding Images Photography
- Praunier Family
- Bustle Creek Outfitters
- NASCAR- Mike Thompson
- Cowboy Steak House
- Rendezvous Bistro
- Q Road House
- Osteria
- Carolyn Durand
- St. John's Hospital MRI Dept.
- Dale Barbour
- Denny Derango
- Boot Barn - Laramie
- Daily Family
- Deanna Crofts
- Shirley Lilly
- Elaine Hillman
- West & Company
- Sitka Sales
- Parker Enterprises

**Supporting**

- Loose Family
- Lily and Company
- Walsh Family
- Sandra Wilkerson
- Deb Lundy
- Grant Wilson
- JC Jewelers
- Ann Walsh
- Deanne Harris
- Stimson Family
- Sandy Chapman
- Selena Pope
- Kral Family
- Chuck & Pat Couts
- Ann Palumbu
- Lolly Klug
- Jamie Pond
- Orin & Bonnie Budge
- Skinny Skis
- Albertsons
- Jane & Peter Mackay
- Ilene Wagner
- Gun Barre
- Diane Sinco
- Nick Siddle
- Shauna Bellman
- Touch of Class
- Stitch N Time
- John Brazinski
- Bella Cole
- Lon & Lisa Wilson
- Ulla Soderman
- Hide Out Leather

**Bronze**

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- Fall Line Design
- John Cavey & Pat Thompson
- Anonymous
- Sharry & Jeff Fuechsel
- The Wrangler Horse & Rodeo News
- Shackelford Sales
- Cody Brinton- Wildlife Western Photography- Life & Rodeo
- Twisted X Boots
- Bailey Hat Co – Mike Amerman
- Resistol – Jay Windborn
- Tandy Brand Belts
- Four Season’s Resort
- Jackson Hole Clothiers
- Parker Enterprises
- John Siverd
- Jennifer Lipp
- Elaine Hillman
- Deanna Crofts
- Allyson Thompson

**Thank You**
Dear Wyoming:

It’s hard to believe that 5 months has already gone by in my blessed year as Miss Rodeo Wyoming! Thanks to my wonderful sponsors who helped to provide me with the means to drive my Dodge truck down the road! Speaking of my Dodge truck… I have had the privilege sit behind the wheel of a 2008 ½ ton jet black Dodge Ram, thanks to Fremont Motors in Rock Springs! What a treat it has been! I named this truck Obadiah and if you haven’t already seen us driving by in style, be sure to keep your eyes out! Also, thanks to Nelson Engineering who became my fuel sponsor, I have been able to pay for diesel, which has really helped with travel expenses!

I drove “Louie”, the 2010 ½ ton Dodge Ram Hemi for a total of 5,717 miles! After my trip to the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Louie and I took a trip across the state and ended up in Rapid City South Dakota! I had never been to the Black Hills so I was in for a treat when we visited Mount Rushmore! I was in Rapid City for the entire week and I was able to attend the second tour stop of the Seminole Hard Rock Xtreme Bulls and the first Silver Tiered rodeo in the Wrangler Million Dollar Tour. Nine other state queens joined me and we had a blast visiting schools, carrying sponsor flags and we even went to an indoor water park! The Sutton Rodeo Company provided us with great horses to ride so we were able to watch the PRCA’s best compete in the Mount Rushmore State!

From the Black Hills of South Dakota, Louie and I traveled to Gillette, Wyoming with my the company of my mom for the Coors Pro Rodeo. This was my first Wyoming rodeo and I was humbled and honored to carry the American flag for each performance. I rode a horse named Mick, owned by Hank and Lori Franzen of the Powder River Rodeo Company. During my trip to the northeast part of the state, I stayed with a friend who took my mom and I to visit Devil’s Tower. Even though it was really foggy and snowy, we hiked all the way around the base! We are real Wyoming women!

Shortly after our snowy adventure around Devil’s Tower, I found myself on a plane en route to the Sunshine State! While in Florida, I exercised my taste buds with frog legs, gator tail, turtle and catfish! I came to the conclusion that frog legs actually do taste like chicken! The 23 queens that came to visit Florida traveled in a pack as we visited schools and had little adventures with hog hunting and air boating and we even had time to go to Disney World! The highlight of the trip was the Silver Spurs Rodeo in Kissimmee, which is one of the largest rodeos east of the Mississippi. I can only imagine what it took to organize horses for each of us to ride in the grand entry. We all had the chance to experience real southern hospitality and I’m sure we will be re-telling our stories for a long time! There is a more detailed recount of my Florida adventures on my blog at www.missrodeowyoming.com

The second weekend in March found me in Ogden, Utah for the Rodeo Queen Boot Camp. The name says it all in the rodeo queen world, as it is the basic course for Rodeo Queens. I’ve had the opportunity to attend this clinic for the last two years, so this year, I switched it up a little and attended the judging clinic which was a rigorous course in pageant judging. My mom attended the clinic with me and we learned everything from judging horsemanship to personality. We came away from boot camp better equipped to judge pageants and help others improve.

In addition to the great clinic experience, one of the big events during the clinic was the Fashion Show. Since I had been a boot camp student a few times, the coordinators asked me to be in the fashion show!! It was pretty exciting to model with the best of the best that Utah has to offer!! I also enjoyed seeing other state queens at boot camp including, Idaho, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin as well as Miss Rodeo America, Kelli Jackson.

By the middle of March it was time for me to take Louie back to Fremont Motors and hop in the cab of Obadiah the 2008 ¾ ton Dodge Ram! I’ve been very blessed to work with the folks at Fremont Motors and I am thankful for their sponsorship!

Obadiah and I drove to Douglas where I hosted the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Clinic. I’m sure all the 25 girls in attendance would agree with me that it was a great weekend!! We had the chance to learn from the best as Maegan Ridley, Miss Rodeo America 2009 as well as other former Miss Rodeo Wyomings took the time to teach us the tricks of the trade! Suzanne Stewart, who coordinated the clinic, did a fantastic job and we are grateful for her expertise!
For those of you who keep up with the Association, please keep Suzanne in your prayers as she recovers from surgery and has relocated to New Mexico. She will be greatly missed as a part of Wyoming Women but her friendship will continue for years to come! During the clinic, we had the chance to stay in the dorms on the Wyoming State Fair Grounds and we were happy to have the opportunity to get to know each other better! Overall, the clinic was a success and the future of Miss Rodeo Wyoming looks bright indeed!!

I had a few weeks off the road during the months of March and April; which gave me the opportunity to prepare for Miss Rodeo America as well as volunteer some of my time. Since I am planning on furthering my education by going to Physical Therapy school, I have been volunteering at a local Physical Therapy clinic as well as a therapeutic riding facility in Jackson. My time has been well spent and I am thankful for the opportunity to give back!

I have been going to the DNCFR since I was little so it was an awesome experience to be a part of it this year as Miss Rodeo Wyoming. I arrived in Pocatello a few days early so I could watch the DNCFR Queen contest and spend time with a good friend of mine, Allie Bohus. Since I was there early, I had the chance to do a few radio interviews and even a TV interview with KIDK News Channel 6! Miss Rodeo Idaho, Measha Gittins and I tagged along with the Dodge Queens at the beginning of the week and were later joined by the rest of the state queens. The week was filled with hospital and school visits and incredible rodeo performances. The 17 state queens in attendance had the chance to carry sponsor flags during the rodeos as well as sell programs to eager rodeo fans. We watched the best competitors vie for the final prize of a $20,000 voucher to use towards a Dodge vehicle!

Soon after the final performance in the Holt Arena in Pocatello, my mom and I drove to Green River to judge the Sweetwater County Queen Contest. We judged alongside former Miss Rodeo Wyoming Stacie Kline-Thompson and boy did we have a tough decision! The four girls did a great job and a big congratulations goes out to Chrissy Wilmetti, the new queen and her princess Shaylee Mets. Sweetwater County is very well represented!

I then headed to the thriving town of Torrington, Wyoming for the first ever National Circuit Finals Steer Roping. I had a blast as the 24 contestants competed on 5 head of cattle for the title of Circuit Finals Champion! A big thanks to Harold Bumgartner who provided me with three awesome horses to carry flags and chase cattle. Oklahoma cowboy, Ralph Williams took away the title with his consistency and patience! I really enjoyed getting to know the contestants and I was honored to be a part of the fist NCFSR in Wyoming!

I took a road trip to Douglas, Wyoming for the first ever Big Wyoming Horse Expo for the weekend of April 24-25th. I was blown away by the talent and resources that Wyoming has in the horse industry! From flashy appaloosas to hot blooded Arabians and dependable quarter horses, Wyoming has it all! It was fun to visit the different vendors at the trade show and watch the informative free clinics. I met some incredible people and I’m excited for the bright future of the Big Wyoming Horse Expo!

I always love visiting Laramie and the UW College Rodeo was a good excuse for Obadiah and I to take to the roads! I arrived in Laramie a day before the rodeos started so I could visit elementary schools and some of my old friends and teammates. I was in for a treat on Friday as I visited two schools and four classrooms. The UW Rodeo kicked off on Friday night with the first performance. Chyann Howard, from the UW rodeo team let me ride her horse, “Dink” to carry sponsor flags. He didn’t exactly live up to his name because he was really fun to ride! Brittany Richards, Miss Butch Cassidy Days joined me to carry flags and we had a great time! We watched as future and some current professional rodeo cowboys competed in the last college rodeo in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. The rodeo had one round and the top 8 proceeded on to the final round on Sunday. On Sunday, for the final performance, Miss Laramie Jubilee, Dani Gilgen helped carry flags with me.

My next stop will be over the hill in Jackson Hole for Old West Days! I am looking forward to the hometown celebration as we kick off the summer rodeo season for Jackson Hole Rodeo! Keep up to date with my travels on my blog at www.missrodeowyoming.com!

God Bless Wyoming!!

Erin
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION
If you have an announcement, queen clinic, pageant or news that you would like included in the next issue of the MRWA News, please contact Julie Pederson:
307-746-2083 or julie@eRanches.com.
Next deadline: July 15th.

NEXT MEETING
Call Linda Myers for more information 307-672-8319.

Good News!
Suzanne Stewart is doing much better after her recent health concerns and heart surgery. Here’s a May 18th note from her:
“Thank you for the words of encouragement. At first I was going 3 steps forward and 6 back, and have finally learned to pace myself a little better– a real feat for me! The move was pretty tough on me, but I really didn’t have much choice at the time. I couldn’t have done it without lots of help (thanks to Rod and Linda).
So far have only had the air conditioner on twice, but I am sure that is going to change soon!
I am still planning on making it to the pageant in August and am anxious to see everyone!!
Suz and Pammy (the dog)
Suzanne’s new address is
1605 South Granite, Deming, NM 88030
Home: 575-544-8828
Cell: 575-694-4186

New Members
Welcome the newest member of the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association
SANDY NEIMAN of the CROOK COUNTY RODEO ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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Julie@eRanches.com or call toll free 1-800-822-0002

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Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association By-laws include the following provision for members with unpaid dues:
Only members in good standing for one year will have the privilege of voting on bylaw changes and for Governing Committee positions.
Only members in good standing for one year may hold a Governing Committee position in the Association.
Dues are considered delinquent on March 1st.

Membership levels
MRWA Regular Membership—$35—Open to all individuals, committees and businesses.
MRWA Active Membership—$25—Active members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings per year and serve on a committee. Must have been a member for at least one year to apply for Active Membership.
Ambassador Membership—$100—Open to all individuals, committees and businesses who would like to help support the MRWA Mission. Recognition in the MRWA Newsletter.
Newsletter Subscription—$10—Open to current titleholders and young ladies who are interested in competing for a crown. No voting privileges.
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