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Miss Rodeo Wyoming Newsletter

- The First Lady of Rodeo in the Cowboy State -

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2010
Miss
Rodeo
Wyoming
Pageant
Aug 11-15

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2010 Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant

Eight to Vie for Coveted Title



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WELCOME CONTESTANTS

Welcome!! I am so excited to meet and to get reacquainted with many of you again. This opportunity to spend the week together represents the culmination of commitment to the communities you represent. I want to congratulate each and every one of you for making the decision to run for Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2010.

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Allie Bass
Miss Rodeo
Wyoming '09

It takes a lot of hard work, constant studying, dedication, and time, to prepare for the Pageant. This special week will add a stepping-stone on your journey of life. If you *allow* the week to, it will; increase your self awareness, inspire you, motivate you, and allow you to walk away from this occasion with memories and friendships that can last a life time.

Remember that only one girl will leave with the crown atop her cowboy hat, even though all of you are worthy. Whether you win or you lose leave the pageant with your head held high and a smile on your face because your communities, friends, and family have enthusiastically supported you and your love for rodeo. The true reward is the journey you travel not the destination.

This is going to be a fun yet grueling week for all of us. I know that you are all prepared for this pageant. Recognize that you are here for the good qualities other people have seen in you. Display and use this!

Helpful Hints:

We will spend the week in the dorms in one big community room with bunk beds! There are plenty of showers and counter space for curlers and makeup. Here are some suggestions to help your preparedness for the coming week-

- Outfits for every event listed (pre-picked out)
- Extra shirts and pants.
- Accessories labeled accordingly (belts & jewelry)
- Label boot & hats boxes - makes everything easier to find
- Mirror with Light for Makeup
- Toiletries
- Hair Care (curlers, curling iron, blow dryer, bobby pins, HAIRSPRAY)
- Casual Clothes for dance practice
- Shoe Polish & Boot Shine
- Bedding (sleeping bag/sheets with pillow)
- Hat cover - just in case it rains
- Warm Coat
- Extra Pins for Banners
- Double Sided Sticky Tape
- Lint Roller
- Hole Punch
- Study Material
- ALL undergarments (don't forget socks & nylons!)

I wish you all the very best of luck and am looking forward to spending the week together!

Allie



**MISS RODEO WYOMING
PAGEANT 2010 ITINERARY**

Revised 7/21/09

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Stall horses on Fairgrounds & check in.
4:00-6:00 pm	Media Interview and photogenic photos taken.
6:00 pm	Pageant orientation conducted by MRWA for contestants, judges, family, & sponsors.
6:30-8:30	BBQ -WSF grounds-by river behind beef barn.
8:30 pm	Judges round table with contestants and judges.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

8:30a.m.-12:30	Horsemanship Interviews at Pioneer Museum.
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Practice Dance Routine for North Stage
1:15 - 2:00 p.m.	Rotary Luncheon-Hosted by the Douglas Rotary Club at the Rotary Club Fairgrounds booth.
3:00 p.m.	1 st Round Horsemanship-WSF indoor arena in red barn, <u>Public welcome</u> .
5:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Ag Appreciation picnic hosted by the Wyoming Livestock Round-up at Riverside Park. Contestants will introduce themselves. Silent auction will be held at this time.
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Steer Roping Calcutta-WSF indoor arena in red barn.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

11:00 a.m.	LUNCHEON-SPEECHES, MEDIA INTERVIEW, MODELING, and LIVE AUCTION-Best Western— <u>Public Welcome</u> Theme—"Long Live Cowboys"
11:30 p.m.	Begin Speeches/Media Interview, Modeling and Auction
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Appearance at North Stage-WSF grounds. Contestant introductions, impromptu question, and perform dance routine. <u>Public welcome</u> .
7:00 pm	Grand entry for Extreme Bulls and help with mutton busting.
7:30 pm	MRWA meeting-WSF office
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Sell programs & sign autographs on the Midway

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

7:30 a.m.	2 nd Round horsemanship, WSF grounds indoor arena red barn, <u>Public Welcome</u> .
10:00 a.m.	Practice for Coronation at rodeo grandstands
10:30 a.m.	Brunch at Country Club-judges and contestants
1:00 p.m.	Vote for Miss Congeniality & Scrapbook
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Timed Interviews at The Pioneer Museum. Rodeo grand entry. Girls will stay for Rodeo and sell programs

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

10:00 a.m.	State Fair Parade
5:00-6:00 pm	Sell programs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Rodeo grand entry and Crowning of Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2010

Ticket Info
Tuesday Evening BBQ—\$12 per person
Thursday Luncheon—Best Western Douglas Inn
Adults \$15 / Children \$12 (under 12)
Join us for a two-entre buffet luncheon that will showcase the Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2010 Contestants as they model and give their state speeches.
RSVP requested by August 4th.
Contact Laurie @ 801-231-7041

- 2010 Miss Rodeo Wyoming Contestants -



Ashlee Estel

Miss Laramie Jubilee

Hometown: Cheyenne

Age: 23

Parents:

John & Tereas Estel



Sadie Rabold

Evanston Cowboy Days Queen

Hometown: Evanston

Age: 21

Parents:

Leisa Reiter & Ray Wagstaff



Raenell Edsall

Miss Rodeo Crook County

Hometown: Hulett

Age: 21

Parents:

Ray Edsall & Wendy Beck



Brittany Richards

Miss Butch Cassidy Days

Hometown: Laramie

Age: 23

Parents:

Loren & Chris Richards



Erin Heffron

Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo

Hometown: Alta

Age: 21

Parents:

Andy & Sue Heffron

Jamie Pond

Miss Albany County Farm Bureau

Hometown: Laramie

Age: 23

Parents:

Ann Palomba & Jim Pond



Lacey Strub

Miss Cody Nite Rodeo

Hometown: Cody

Age: 24

Parents:

John & Jody Strub

Shauna Praeuner

Miss Rodeo Weston County

Hometown: Newcastle

Age: 20

Parents:

Kirk & Kim Praeuner





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- Allie's Road Report -

Memorial Day Weekend found me gazing up at the Teton's in Jackson Hole for Old West Days. I joined The Teton County Queen, Erin Heffron, and her lady in waiting, Desiree Bridges, for the parade through down town Jackson. That evening I got to experience what the town's famous motto "The Last of the Real West" was all about with their weekly rodeos.

June was full of competitions! The month kicked off with The Little Miss Wyoming Pageant in Rock Springs. With about 90 girls competing it was a great pageant! These girls had their work cut out for them with various events included: talent, interviewing, modeling (casual and party dresses), and a dance to finish it off! Judging the contest with me were many beauty pageant winners such as: Mrs. Wyoming Galaxy Diane Bertagnole; Miss Wyoming Galaxy, Krystle Dorris; Miss Wyoming USA, Cynthia Pate; Miss Teen Wyoming USA, Amy David; and Mrs. Wyoming United States Holley. We had a great time discussing the different ideas/beliefs we represent with our various titles.

Next, was Nebraska Land Days hosting the 54th Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant in North

Platte! It was a welcoming site finding my host house with a sign reading "Home of Miss Rodeo Wyoming" in the front lawn. Outside my front door there was a beautiful beach and a pond complete with a pet (Bass) fish that ate worms out of your hand! Miss Rodeo Colorado, Audra Dobbs and I had a wonderful stay, compliments of Cathy and Buck Ewing. One of the many highlights of our stay was the opportunity to participate in the fashion show. With twenty girls parading around the room to Johnny Cash singing 'I've Been Everywhere' all decked out in



Little Miss Wyoming Pageant Judges

Miss Rodeo Wyoming—Allie Bass
Mrs Wyoming United States—Holley
Miss Wyoming USA—Cynthia Pate
2nd row - Miss Wyoming Galaxy—Krystle Dorris
Miss Teen Wyoming USA—Amy David
Mrs. Wyoming Galaxy—Diane Bertagnole

chaps it sure was a show! For a special treat we had a complementary tour of the Bailey Railroad Yard. Did you know that this yard is recognized in the Guinness Book of Records as the word's LARGEST rail yard with an average of 155 trains and 3,000 cars per day? So as you can image we had a lot to look at!



Little Miss Wyoming Pageant—Outgoing Royalty

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Nebraska Land Days—Signing Autographs

Miss Rodeo New Mexico—Brooklyn Chester

Miss Rodeo Washington—Nicole Ray

Miss Rodeo Idaho—Freya Ford

From frequent tornado warnings, kids parades, Bailey Yard, shopping, rodeo, numerous autograph signings, and the pageant we never experienced a dull moment. Our last day there we all got to witness Michelle Boeshart proudly accept the crown for Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010.

My next destination was the familiar town of Douglas, for the Wyoming High School Queen Pageant.

With the High School Finals taking place at the same time the town was a flurry of activity. I got the chance to judge with fellow MRWA members Pam Rivers and Suzanne Stewart. It was a two-day contest with three competitors seeking the title.

I left Douglas and headed straight for Riverton to serve as a state official for the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. This was truly an honor for me, to be asked to officiate, as I won this contest as a senior in high school and got to travel to Denver for the national competition. I was privileged to

be along the side of: Gary Grub, George Howard (UW Rodeo Coach), and Will Golden (LCCC Horse Judging Coach). There were a total of seventy-two 4-Her's entered in the contest.

Cowboy Christmas found me at the "Rodeo Capitol of the World" in Cody, Wyoming for the 90th anniversary of the Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede. The east gateway to Yellowstone is truly beautiful scenery. Joining me were: Miss Rodeo America, Maegan Riddley; Miss Rodeo Virginia, Charla Wacker; Miss Rodeo Montana, Lesi Furniss; Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho, Allie Bohus; Miss Rodeo Teton County, Erin Heffron; Miss Rodeo Weston County, Shawna Prauner; Miss Cody Night Rodeo, Lacey Strueb; and Miss Cody Stampede, Emily Delyea. Ike Sankey produced an excellent 4th

of July rodeo, one of many participating in the Million Dollar Tour. Not only did we participate in the many rodeo performances, but we also got special treats of: white water rafting (chilly water!!), a trolley ride, shopping opportunities, autograph signings, parades, radio interviews, TV interviews, and driving an oversized Dune Buggy for the Extreme Bulls grand entry! Cody is also home of



Welcoming sign outside the host home of Buck & Cathy Ewing.

- Allie's Road Report -

the famous Cody Night Rodeo with performances *EVERY* single night from June 1st to August 31st. That's a total of 87 Cody rodeos in just one season – thus the nickname, “Rodeo Capitol of the World”! A special thanks goes out to Tim Mahieu (Wyoming's Queen Daddy) who chaperoned all of us and made the occasion an absolute blast! Also, Judy and Larry Allshouse who provided tremendous horses to ride all week, thank you.

Directly, after Cody I was on the road to Central Wyoming's Fair and Rodeo in Casper for the “Legends of Wyoming Parade” held the morning of June 9th. It was an exceptional parade that wound its way through numerous blocks of downtown! Record setting entry numbers, sunny weather, and the Budweiser Clydesdales (back for the first time in 11 years) generated a heck of a turn out! I am thankful to Joel Alworth for generously providing me with a horse for the occasion.

Next Stop—my hometown Sheridan WYO Rodeo. This is an exciting time for me, as last year I represented this community as Miss Sheridan WYO Rodeo Queen '08. It's fantastic to be back on familiar ground! I'll cover this occasion with my next road report. Until then, take care and hope to see ya on the rodeo road!

Allie



Cody Stampede

Grand Entry for Extreme Bulls.
Allie got to drive the oversized dune buggy since she was the only one who knew how to drive a manual transmission.



Cody Stampede
Miss Rodeo Wyoming—Allie Bass
Miss Rodeo Virginia—Charla Wacker
Miss Rodeo America—Maegan Ridley



The Cody Stampede Rodeo is a major sponsor of Miss Rodeo Wyoming **Tim Mahieu**, the Secretary of the Stampede Board and the official “Queen Daddy” is pictured with Miss Rodeo Virginia—Charla Wacker Miss Rodeo America—Maegan Ridley Miss Rodeo Wyoming—Allie Bass Miss Cody Stampede—Emily Delyea

Thoughts & Prayers

Our condolences to the family of Donald K. **“Bill” Scott.**

Bill passed away April 23rd
surrounded by family and friends.

Bill is the father of MRW 1989—Jayne Scott Chambers.

Memorial contributions may be made in remembrance of
Bill to Teton County Friends of Fair, PO Box 3075, Jackson,
WY 83001. Condolences can be sent to the family at
www.valleymortuaryjackson.com

Suzanne Stewart sends good news
that she is recovering from her recent illness.

“I am back on the road to recovery. I had to take an extra 2 weeks off work but had excellent home care and am slowly gaining my strength back. For those of you that didn't know what was wrong, I came home from judging the state high school pageant and immediately went in the hospital with pneumonia, congestive heart failure and plumonary emblisems. I plan on being in Douglas for the pageant. Thank you to all the board members for the flowers, cards and phone calls. It really meant a lot to me.” *Suzanne*

Milestones

Stacy Jo Johnson and Kyle Berger were
married on June 19th, 2009 at
Harvest Christian Center.

They had a reception at the Hilton Garden Inn
immediately following the ceremony.

They rode on a horse drawn carriage from the
church to the reception. Stacy Jo and her dad

Orville took two saddle broke horses and
trained them to drive for the wedding. Kyle

drove the team through Laramie with his
brothers and son, Kaden as outriders. There

were over 300 people in attendance.

They want to thank everyone for
making their special day so memorable.

Congratulations Kyle & Stacy Jo

“You cannot change your
destination overnight, but
you can change your
direction overnight.”
Jim Rohn

NEW ARRIVALS

BABY TAYLOR LYNN HERNANDEZ

Taylor Lynn Hernandez was born July 2, 2009, at 3:05 pm in Rock Springs, WY to the proud parents of Joe and Laurie Thoman-Hernandez. She weighed 7 pounds 11 oz and was 19 ¼ inches long.

Her introduction into this world was breathtaking in more than one way and her experiences covered a number of firsts (first airplane ride, first trip to the big city...). Labor was induced early on July 1st and after a long 2 days Taylor was diagnosed with pneumothorax at birth (a collection of air between the lung and the chest wall that develops when air leaks out of the lung-basically a collapsed lung). If nearly 2 hours of patchwork stitches wasn't enough from a “normal” birth, we learned that life flight was on their way to take Taylor to the University of Utah to have a tube put in her chest. We were fortunate that she was breathing on her own and stabilized before she ever left Rock Springs, but they wanted to take precautionary measures. I was kept in the hospital an extra day for an infection along with an allergic reaction to medication and we were finally able to be reunited with Taylor on July 4th. Although she was doing great by then, they kept her until July 8th to treat her infection through IV antibiotics. We spent every waking hour at the hospital in Salt Lake after hitting the ground running so to speak.

Taylor is a great baby and rarely cries although day and night have often been confused. Our little miracle and I both share the same birthday and we are blessed in so many ways. Thanks to all of our family and friends for their support and prayers.

Joe, Laurie & Taylor



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The MRWA offers members the opportunity to stay up to date on Miss Rodeo Wyoming and Miss Rodeo America events, to be active in Wyoming and help young ladies achieve their goals. All levels of membership will receive the MRWA newsletter four times per year.

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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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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, August 13th.
Call Linda Myers for more information 307-672-8319.

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: September 10th. Electronic photos & info please.