

# Preparing for Miss Rodeo America



Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2007, Lacey Cole.

derful, courageous, and amazing woman. Before she died, she gave me her favorite necklace to wear when I compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Without a doubt, my President's Luncheon Dress has the most meaning to me.

The morning after my grand-ma's funeral, I got on a plane to Texas for the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the Texas Stampede. I did not realize it was possible to have that many knowledgeable, artistic, and interesting cowgirls under one roof. I really enjoyed talking to as many

women as possible, and found a few familiar faces in the crowd. Rhonda Sedgwick Sterns and her husband, Bill, were at the inductions and Rhonda gave a beautiful invocation. Later that afternoon, I also met a wonderful cowgirl poet and learned about her fascinating life. I would highly recommend going if you possibly can.

My trip to Texas was rounded out with the exciting first go-round of the Texas Stampede, the final round of the Ariat Playoffs. I enjoyed rooting for all of the South Dakota cowboys, and our lone cowgirl, Jill Moody. I also got to spend some time with a

good friend, Syd Colombe. I am excited to wish all of our NFR contestants from South Dakota good luck at the Send-off Party in Belle Fourche before we all head down to compete.

With my year as Miss Rodeo South Dakota ending, I have one final appearance to make. At the end of November, I will be traveling down to Las Vegas, Nev., to represent my majestic home state during the Miss Rodeo America Pageant held in conjunction with the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Until next month ride tall in your saddle and enjoy every moment. ○○○

The beginning of November was definitely a difficult time for my family and me. My Grandma Marjorie Mae Cole died on November 3 at her home, and I know she is greatly missed. I would just like to say how proud I am to be named after such won-

## People are thirsty for rodeo knowledge

From Jenna Smeenk, Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2007-2008  
Another month has gone by so quickly. It doesn't seem like winter yet, I'm still wearing

shorts! What a busy month it has been. I have started my classes full time now. They are really hard, but fun at the same time. I can't believe how much

information our Instructors can put into one day of class. Class runs 24 hours a day and there are 3 shifts. I'm in the  
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# Trask to be officially crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2008

Tara Trask, Wall, S.D., will be officially crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2008 on January 5. The coronation will take place in Philip, S.D. at the Steakhouse and Lounge, located at 1260 South Center Ave. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m., with the buffet dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner will cost \$20, with 12 and under \$12. All proceeds from the supper and benefit auction will benefit Tara as she travels across the U.S., representing South Dakota, and it's

official sport - rodeo.

Coronation will take place at 7 p.m. Lacey Cole, Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2007, will present Tara with the traveling crown and other awards. Lacey, of Piedmont, will also give her farewell speech.

Tara is the daughter of Tracy and Marli Trask, from Wall. On her way to winning the title of Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2008, she also won speech, photogenics, appearance, personality and the knowledge test award. She

will be competing in the 2008 Miss Rodeo America pageant, held annually in Las Vegas, Nev., prior to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Reservations for the buffet dinner need to be made by December 16 by calling 605-279-2878 or emailing [mrsd2008@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsd2008@hotmail.com).

For more information about Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota and the annual pageants, visit [www.missrodeosd.com](http://www.missrodeosd.com). ○○○



Tara Trask, Miss Rodeo South Dakota Lady-In-Waiting.

## Thirsty

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middle shift so I go from 4:30 pm to 12:30 am.



Jenna Smeenk, Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2007-2008.

Enough about school, I had a lot of fun promoting the sport of rodeo. Many of the people here are thirsty for knowledge when it comes to talking about rodeo. I had a great chance to explain tie-down roping to people. Here in San Angelo, Texas, on October 27 and 28 in the outdoor roping arena 75 ropers competed in the 54th Annual Wrangler Roping Fiesta. This is an annual event that draws lots of spectators. I was fortunate to be able to go. Cowboys competed in calf roping on Saturday with the fastest time being an 8.78 for Stran Smith. The most exciting part was the 12 head, winner take all \$15,000 match calf roping with defending champion and 6-time PRCA World Champion Cody

Ohl of Hico, Texas, against 2004 World Champion Monty Lewis of Hereford, Texas. Cody Ohl won with an average of 10.30 per head. The next big event here will be the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo in February with nine PRCA Rodeos and a downtown parade.

All the practice I've had in writing and giving speeches for

queen contests has helped me again. I had to give my first news briefing in front of the class last week. I think even the training instructor was impressed, and that is hard to do. Using hand gestures, having eye contact and memorizing speeches is just a part of queen-ing so it made it easier for me to be in front of the class. ○○○

## Candidates sought for rodeo title

The 2008 Miss Black Hills Stock Rodeo queen pageant will be held on January 26, 2008. The 2008 queen will win a variety of prizes, and will be encouraged to represent the Stock Show Rodeo at events throughout the state of South Dakota.

Contestants will compete in interviews, horsemanship, and

speech, along with other categories. Potential contestants will be 18-23 years of age, a legal resident of South Dakota, and must not have married and/or been pregnant. Entry deadline is January 11, 2008. For more information contact Torey Berdan at 605-381-7568 or [tberdan@dsdk12.net](mailto:tberdan@dsdk12.net). ○○○

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