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Kelsea Dawn Walker, Miss Rodeo Illinois 2007, on her way to Miss Rodeo America—Las Vegas, Dec. 1-8

Miss Rodeo Illinois 2007 comes to you from her family's farm in the prairies of southeastern Illinois. Kelsea Dawn Walker is 24 years old from Cisne. She was crowned Miss Rodeo Illinois at the Palestine PRCA Rodeo Labor Day weekend 2006. She will be competing in the 2008 Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas Dec. 1-8, 2007.



Kelsea Dawn Walker
Miss Rodeo Illinois 2007

She was the 1997 Illinois Junior Rodeo Princess and the Illinois High School Rodeo Queen from 1998 to 2001, a three-time National High School Rodeo Queen Contestant placing in the top 10 and top five and winning the modeling category. In 2002, she was Miss National Federation of Professional Bullriders. She spent that year traveling the Midwest representing the sport of bull riding and working as a co-announcer and interviewer at NFPB sanctioned events. After crowning her NFPB successor she won the title of 2003 Miss Cherokee Strip Rodeo of Perry, Okla., and competed at the 2004 Miss Rodeo USA Pageant.

Kelsea has competed in breakaway roping, team roping, goat tying, pole bending and is still active in barrel rac-

ing. She has worked as a flag girl and cattle shagger for rodeo producers such as JS Pro Rodeo and Rite-N-Gear Rodeo Co. and has also worked with the NHSRA and RFD-TV as an interviewer on the "20X Rodeo High" Series.

She is the queen coordinator and pageant director for the Illinois High School Rodeo Association. Kelsea is a rodeo an-

nouncer, judge and Wrangler Division rodeo producer and has been a Mary Kay beauty consultant for five years. Her future plans are to become a professional rodeo announcer so she can tell the story of "America's #1 Sport" from behind the microphone to educating fans, young and old, of the humane happenings inside and outside of the arena and inspire the future of our country to become a part of our western way of life! She would also like to raise elite bucking stock and produce rodeos throughout the U.S.

Miss Rodeo America Pageant

www.MissRodeo.com

Follow the pageant by going to

<http://missrodeoamerica.blogs.com>

Send Kelsea an e-mail of good wishes during the pageant

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Watch for MRI Pageant CLINIC Information

Date to Remember 2007

December 1-8
Miss Rodeo America
Pageant, Las Vegas

2008

January 12
Carly's Coronation,
Bartonville, IL

February 29-March 2
2008 Illinois Horse
Fair, Springfield, IL

June 14-16
IHSRA Queen
Pageant, Altamont, IL

August
IJRA Princess
Pageant, date/time
TBA

August 30-Sept. 1
Miss Rodeo Illinois
2009 Pageant,
Palestine, IL

December
Miss Rodeo America
Pageant, Las Vegas

Sadie Schnautz, 2008 Illinois Jr. Rodeo Princess

Sadie, 11, is in the fifth grade at Field Grade School. She was crowned prior to the IJRA State Finals rodeo in Hopedale, Ill.

Sadie is the daughter of Dee Ann and Jonathan Schnautz of Dix, Ill. She has one brother, Samuel.

Her nickname is "Sade."

She competes in goat tying, barrel racing, and pole bending on her horses



Sadie Schnautz
2008 IJRA Princess

Ghosty and Rebel. Her favorite event is pole bending because it is the most challenging event for her.

She likes IJRA because it helps her enlarge her abilities and develop her

character. She also likes making friends and having family time.

Sadie was also recognized as Miss Congeniality. First Runner-up was Skyler Maguire, Virden; Second Runner-up and Horsemanship winner, Jesse Haynes, Abingdon; Third Runner-up, Erinn Karlak, Litchfield.

As the reigning IJRA Princess, Sadie, will be promoting junior rodeo as she travels and competes throughout the year as well as at the Illinois Horse Fair in Springfield, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008.

IJRA Princess Pageant

Any IJRA girl member in kindergarten through seventh grade is eligible to participate in the Princess Pageant. It is typically held the Friday afternoon prior to the state finals. There are six judged activities including modeling; a five-minute personal interview; a two-minute prepared speech; an impromptu question; a 50-question exam on the IJRA Rulebook; and two horsemanship patterns. Personality and appearance are judged throughout the entire competition. The congeniality portion of the pageant is voted on by the judges and the contestants.



Left to right: Erinn Karlak, Jesse Haynes, IJRA Princess 2007 Taylor Adams, Sadie Schnautz, and Skyler Maguire.

Kiley Mettendorf Crowned High School Rodeo Queen

Kiley Mettendorf, a junior of Stewardson, was crowned at the Illinois High School Rodeo Assoc. state finals rodeo in Altamont the end of June. In July, she competed in the National High School Finals Rodeo Queen Contest. Kiley

was recognized and awarded with a scholarship for selling the most 50/50 tickets.

She has been very active this year organizing grand entry presentations and an unforgettable King Contest at the Mt. Vernon King City

High School Rodeo this past fall.

For more information about the Illinois High School Rodeo Queen contest contact the queen coordinator, Kelsea Walker, (618) 780-7004.

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Carly Ray Hagey Named MRI2008—Lady in Waiting



Kelsea Walker, Miss Rodeo Illinois 2007 passes on her title on to Carly Ray Hagey of Tremont, Ill. Sept. 2,

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, Carly Ray Hagey of Tremont was named the Miss Rodeo Illinois Lady in Waiting at the coronation ceremony at the Pioneer City Rodeo in Palestine. Additionally she was the Horsemanship and Congeniality Award winner.

Rebecca Kloker of Rushville was named First Runner-up and was the

Speech and Photogenic Award winner. Second Runner-up was Jeanette Hull of Mansfield.

Carly is the 20-year-old daughter of Curt and Polly Hagey. She is a student at Black Hawk College where she will be taking a year of general education courses then focus on her major. She plans to one day become a college professor teaching the very thing she is going to school for, Equine Science. Her interests include water skiing and dancing. She enjoys barrel racing, breakaway roping and

is a heeler when she team ropes. She qualified for the NBHA Youth Barrel Show in Jackson, Miss. where she placed 9th over all out of over 900 contestants. In 2002, she was the Illinois Junior Rodeo Princess.

When asked why she wanted to be Miss Rodeo Illinois 2008, Carly stated "I want to be Miss Rodeo Illinois for many reasons. I know it is a great opportunity to promote the sport of rodeo. It is a great opportunity to travel and make many memories and many friends."

2008 Pageant Results

**Miss Rodeo Illinois 2008:
Carly Hagey**

1st Runner Up: Rebecca Kloker

2nd Runner Up: Jeanette Hull

Horsemanship: Carly Hagey

Photogenics: Rebecca Kloker

Speech Winner: Rebecca Kloker

Congeniality: Carly Hagey

You're Invited to **Carly's Coronation Celebration**

Saturday, Jan. 12

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Stone Country Saloon

Bartonville, IL

- **Coronation Ceremony**
- **Mr. King Rodeo Contest**
- **Silent & Live Auction**
- **Comatose Catfish Band, 10p-2a**

To donate to Carly's Fund-raising Event call Polly at (309) 925-5801

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IHSRA Queen 2006-07 Haley Huff, right, presenting roses to Kiley Mettendorf, IHSRA Queen 2007-08, left, at the coronation ceremony, Altamont, Ill. in June.



Haylea Huff, Vienna, Miss Illinois High School Rodeo 2006-07, with contestants Bryanna Jacobs, Crete; Sonja Barach, Crete; Hannah Wort, Rushville; Kiley Mettendorf, Stewardson; and Stephanie Schroder, New Berlin.



*** 2007-2008 ***
Kiley Mettendorf
Miss Illinois High School
Rodeo Queen

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Miss Rodeo Illinois Association works to select an “Ambassador of Good Will” who will promote a positive image of professional rodeo and the western way of life keeping education, leadership and personal growth in the forefront and doing so with the highest level of integrity.

The Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant is open to any female resident of the State of Illinois or student attending college who is at least 19 years of age and not older than 26 before Dec. 31. Candidates must be single, never married, pregnant nor with dependent(s). Horsemanship skills are required. For more information visit www.missrodeoillinois.com

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