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Meet Katie Lea Chaffin—Miss Rodeo Illinois 2010

Katie Chaffin is the daughter of Michael and Cindy Chaffin of Ipava, Ill. On Sept. 5, 2009, at the Labor Day Pioneer City celebration in Palestine, Ill., she became Illinois' designated Lady-in-Waiting. Starting her reign in January, as Miss Rodeo Illinois 2010, Katie is the 32nd young lady to hold the title of Miss Rodeo Illinois.

Katie is a graduate of VIT High School and is a student at Black Hawk College, where she majors in Equestrian Science and Horse Science and Technology. She is active on the Inter-collegiate Horse Show Team and was a member of the 2009 Reserve World Champion Horse Judging Team. Her goals are to own and operate an human and animal chiropractic and massage therapy facility and would like to qualify to compete at the NFR in barrel racing.

Katie's interests include photography, dancing and singing. In her free time she enjoys training her two American Quarter horses in preparation for competing in NBHA and BBR shows.

As Miss Rodeo Illinois, Katie will be traveling throughout the country attending PRCA rodeos to promote the great state of



Illinois, the sport of professional rodeo and the western way of life. She is preparing to compete for the prestigious and coveted title of Miss Rodeo America 2011 at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., at the 52nd Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December.

To schedule Katie for an appearance contact Robin DeMott, MRI National Director at demott@winco.net (309) 368-7786.

Visit the
Miss Rodeo Illinois Web site
to follow Katie in her travels
www.missrodeoillinois.com

2010 Dates to Remember

June 17-19

Illinois High School Rodeo Queen Pageant, Altamont, IL

August 6

Illinois Jr. Rodeo Association (IJRA) Princess Pageant, Hopedale, IL

September 3-4

Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant, Palestine, IL

October TBA

Katie's Sendoff Party

Nov. 28-Dec. 4

2011 Miss Rodeo America Pageant, Las Vegas, NV

December 2-10

National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas, NV

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Katie being introduced as Miss Rodeo Illinois 2010 at her coronation by Rebecca Kloker Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009.

Many Travels for Katie already in 2010

Katie has been on the road since she was named 2010 Miss Rodeo Illinois. She has been to Las Vegas, Denver, Moline, Miss Rodeo Iowa Coronation, and the Horse Fair.

Katie also attended the 2010 Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., in December 2009. In January she held her Coronation Ceremony and traveled to Denver, Colo., for the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo and Denver Market where she was donated many items.

In February she made an appearance at the Moline Bulls 'n Broncs where she signed lots of autographs and did a media interview with WQAD-TV Channel 8 and attended the first MRI CowGirl Royalty Clinic held at Black Hawk College in Galva.



Katie signing autographs at the Bulls 'n Broncs in Moline, Ill.

In March Katie attended the Horse Fair in Springfield, Ill., and where she spent the weekend at different booths talking to different businesses, shopping, attending clinics. Her horse, Tater, was ridden by Julie Goodnight in her clinics and demonstrations.

Katie also helped Lisa Boeding, MRI pageant director, with a clinic on Rodeo Royalty for young ladies. She made an appearance during the barrel clinic, instructed by Polly Hagey, which was sponsored by the MRI association. "My favorite part of the weekend was being asked to present the American Flag and be in the grand finale of the Tommy Turvey Show. It was a real honor," says Katie.

Cowgirl Royalty Clinic—Energy, Beauty, Energy, Speaking, Energy, Nutrition, Energy! *By Katie Chaffin, Miss Rodeo Illinois*

Feb. 19-21, I attended the Miss Rodeo Illinois Assoc. queen clinic which was co-sponsored by Black Hawk College (BHC). The clinician was Judy Rogers of Ft. Collins, Colo. She coaches young



Judy Rogers, Jacy VanDyke, Caitlin Robb, Katie Chaffin, Lakken Troxell, and Anne-Marie Martin.

women working to help them improve their horsemanship skills and pageant preparations.

In attendance to the clinic with me were Caitlin Robb, Miss Mercer Co. who is also a BHC student of New Windsor; and high school rodeo members Lakken Troxell of Loami, and Anne-Marie Martin of Effing-

ham, and Jacy VanDyke, Miss Illinois High School Rodeo, of Pekin, who audited the clinic. continued on page 4

2011 Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant—Sept. 3-4

The 2011 Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant will be held Sept. 3-4, 2010, at Palestine, Ill. Contestants must be an Illinois resident, 18-25 years of age, single, never married, pregnant nor with dependents. Horsemanship skills are required. Rodeo experience and knowledge is preferred but not required. Contestants will be judged on the following categories:

Horsemanship Competition	Personal Interview
Speech Contest	Appearance
Extemporaneous Questions	Media Interview
Modeling	Photogenic Quality
Personality	



Huge prize package for Miss Rodeo Illinois 2011, 1st and 2nd runners up as well as category prizes. The young lady selected as Miss Rodeo Illinois 2011 will have the honor of representing The Land of Lincoln at the 2012 Miss Rodeo America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 26-Dec. 3, 2011. Entry form and rules are available at www.missrodeoilinois.com/pageant.html. Entry fee is \$175. Entry deadline is July 1, 2010. For more information contact, Lisa Boeding, Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant Director (815) 339-4026 or mril_pageant@yahoo.com.

Where is she now?— MRI 1995 Andrea (Lotz) Richards



Miss Rodeo Illinois 1995
Andrea (Lotz) Richards

Miss Rodeo Illinois 1995, Andrea (Lotz) Richards, lives with her husband Rodney in Ardmore, Okla. Together they have five children; Catie, Dalton, Hannah, Payton and Tavin. They are the highlight of her world. She works for the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Child Welfare as a social worker. She helps tribal families protect their children. "It's awesome and I really love my job," says Andrea.



She and her husband worked as a deputy sheriffs for five years in Duncan, Okla., for the Stephens

County Sheriff's Office before moving back to Ardmore where her husband grew up and his family is located. "It is a wonderful place to raise a family," she says. Her kids keep her busy. The oldest, Catie, just made the cheerleading squad, Dalton is their star football player, Hannah loves drama and cheer and Payton is their little cheerleader, Tavin, the youngest, is getting ready to start his first year of T-ball.



Andrea's five children

ABOUT MRIA...

Even though there was a 1963 Miss Rodeo Illinois, an organization was never officially established. So, there have been some years the state of Illinois did not have a representative at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. The Miss Rodeo Illinois Association was most recently re-established in 2005 and as a result we have sent an Illinois representative to compete at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant since 2007. If you are interested in joining the Miss Rodeo Illinois Assoc. a membership form is available online at www.missrodeoilinois.com

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The 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.

CowGirl Royalty Clinic

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The young ladies and I enjoyed a weekend full of speech and stage presence, interviews, impromptu questions, fitness and nutrition, make-up and beauty, horsemanship, flag carrying and presentation, and the queen's wave. We also had an etiquette lesson on a night out at a restaurant. After a long informational and



L to R: Robin DeMott, MRI National Director; Lakken Troxell, Jacy VanDyke, Miss IHSRA; Anne Marie Martin, Caitlin Robb; Donna Irvin, Black Hawk College Equine Professor: Katie Chaffin Miss Rodeo Illinois; Judy Rogers.

successful weekend we ended the clinic with a final horsemanship, flag presentation and queen's wave critique.

I would like to thank Judy for spending a weekend in Illinois educating and helping us, Black Hawk College for allowing us to use their facilities and horses, the Miss Rodeo Illinois Association for preparing and helping at the clinic, and the parents and young ladies who attended the clinic, without you it would not have been the huge success that it was. Thank you!

Katie Chaffin, Miss Rodeo Illinois

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