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Meet Carly Ray Hagey— Miss Rodeo Illinois 2008

Carly Ray Hagey, Miss Rodeo Illinois 2008, was crowned at the PRCA Pioneer City Rodeo in Palestine, Ill., on Sept. 2, 2007. Carly Ray is the 30th young woman to hold the title—Miss Rodeo Illinois. She is currently a student attending Black Hawk College, East Campus in Kewanee, Ill., where she is perusing two degrees, equine science and horse science technology. After Black Hawk she plans to attend a four-year university with the goal of becoming a professor of equine sciences. As the reigning Illinois rodeo queen she will attend PRCA rodeos throughout the country as well as compete for the Miss Rodeo America (MRA) title at the 50th Anniversary of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., in December 2009.

Carly has made appearances at the Miss Rodeo America pageant last December; the Denver Market in Colorado, Peoria Bulls and Broncs event and held her coronation in Bartonville in January. In February she attended a queen clinic in Ames, Iowa. She was scheduled to be at the Horse Fair in March to be at a few sponsor booths and be in the Equestrian Lifestyles Fashion Show. Unfortunately the Horse Fair was cancelled due to electrical problems at the State Fairgrounds. She is currently working on her wardrobe, more sponsors and additional appearances. March 9-May 28 Carly will be in California with renowned horsemanship and barrel racing clinician



and 2006 MRA judge Sharon Camarillo completing her student internship for her academic program. During this time she will travel to Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, Illinois, and Montana with a possible trip to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Texas. She has filed her paper work and made arrangements to attend Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo July 22-25. To schedule Carly for an appearance contact Robin DeMott, MRIL National Director at demott@winco.net (309) 368-7786.

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

2008 Dates to Remember

June 11

Miss Rodeo Illinois Assoc. Meeting, Altamont, IL
Time/location TBA

June 11-15

Illinois High School Rodeo Queen Pageant, Altamont, IL

July 11

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

Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009 Pageant, Palestine, IL

December

Miss Rodeo America Pageant, Las Vegas, NV

Next MRILA Meeting June 11, Altamont, Illinois

Please join us at the next MRILA meeting, June 11, 2008, at the Illinois High School Rodeo State Finals in Altamont, Ill. Time and location is yet to be determine. Watch the web site for details.

We at the Miss Rodeo Illinois Association are always looking to expand our membership. It offers you the opportunity to support a program dedicated to young women in



the state of Illinois who exemplify our Western heritage. For additional information contact us via e-mail.

Our General Membership Meetings are open to anyone interested in

joining our Association. You may also download the membership application from the web site and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form.

If you are interested in becoming a general member of MRILA, please visit the Miss Rodeo Illinois web site at www.missrodeoillinois.com for a membership form. Membership dues are \$20.

IJRA Princess Pageant Friday, July 11, Hopedale

Any Illinois Junior Rodeo Association (IJRA) girl member who is in kindergarten through seventh grade is eligible to participate in the IJRA Princess Pageant. The pageant will be held on Friday afternoon, July 11, 2008.

Contestant entry forms are **due June 7th**. There are six judged activities including modeling; a five-minute personal interview; a two-minute prepared speech on one of the following topics; *What is good sportsmanship and horsemanship? Rodeo from my horse's perspective; or If I were the IJRA Princess...*; 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.

For more information about the IJRA Princess Pageant contact Pageant Chairpersons Betty Maguire (217) 965-44167 or Donna Eike (217) 625-3453 or (217) 341-3452 or email eikefarms@dtmspeed.net

Illinois High School Rodeo Queen Pageant

The Miss IHSRA 08-09 Rodeo Queen Pageant is set for June 11-15 in Altamont, Illinois.

Kelsea Dawn Walker, IHSRA Queen Director/ Pageant Coordinator and the Altamont Rodeo Committee work very hard to ensure that this is a great experience for all

of the high school contestants involved! Their prize packages increase every year and all contestants who compete receive gifts. If you are interested in competing for the title contact Kelsea at missrodeoillinois07@yahoo.com (618) 780-7004 with

questions regarding the contest. You must notify her of your intention to compete to receive the pageant information and packet.

Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant 2008 Schedule of Events

Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant Labor Day Weekend Aug. 31—Sept. 2 Pioneer City Rodeo Palestine, IL

Friday, August 31

3:00 p.m. Contestant Check-In
4:30 p.m. Dinner
5:30 p.m. Contestant Introductions at Rodeo
7:00 p.m. Contestants Sell MRI 50/50 Tickets
10:00 p.m. Contestant & Judges Orientation
10:30 p.m. Written Exam

What Does Miss Rodeo Illinois Do?

If you are a young woman between 19 and 26 years of age, have a high school diploma, have not been married or pregnant, are a legal resident of Illinois, you may be eligible to run for the ever prestigious title of Miss Rodeo Illinois. The winner of the Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009 pageant will represent the state of Illinois at the Miss Rodeo America pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., in December 2009 vying for the 2010 Miss Rodeo America title.

Once crowned Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009 at the pageant you are considered the “Lady in Waiting” until January 2009. It is strongly encouraged that you consider attending the Miss Rodeo America pageant in 2009 as the Illinois Lady in Waiting to see what the Miss Rodeo America pageant is all about and what opportunities lie in the year ahead.

MRI Pageant Deadline and Entry Fee

July 1, 2008, is the deadline to enter the Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009 pageant. The pageant will be

Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant
Entry Deadline July 1, 2008
Entry Fee \$175

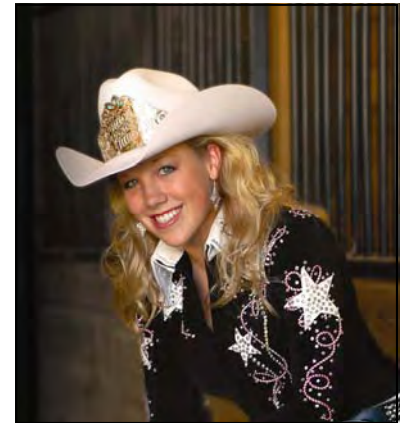
Saturday, September 1

6:30 a.m. Chuck Wagon Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Modeling & Impromptu Questions
11:00 a.m. Lunch with the Rodeo Clowns
2:00 p.m. Personal Interviews
4:00 p.m. Dinner with Judges
6:30 p.m. Introduction of Contestants at Rodeo
7:00 p.m. Contestants Sell MRI 50/50 Tickets

Sunday, September 2

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Local Appearances
10:15 a.m. Cowboy Church Service
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Horsemanship Competition
4:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” Coronation

The Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant has three main categories of competition; horsemanship, personality and appearance. Contestants are also judged on a two-minute prepared speech on the state of Illinois, photogenics, extemporaneous questions a personal interview, fashion show presentation and modeling. For all of this preparation and hard work, contestants receive many outstanding prizes. Category winners are recognized as well as first and second runners up, and, of course, the “Lady in Waiting” will be named Sunday, Sept. 2 and crowned in January 2009.



held in conjunction with the 42nd annual PRCA Pioneer City Rodeo in Palestine, Ill. on Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Entry fee for the pageant is \$175. For the pageant entry form and more information visit the Miss Rodeo Illinois web site at www.missrodeoillinois.com or contact Pageant Director Lisa Boeding by e-mail at mriil_pageant@yahoo.com or by phone at (815) 339-4026.

Illinois Group Attends Queen Clinic in Iowa

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From Left: Kelsea Walker, IHSRA Pageant Dir.; Carly Hagey, MRI 2008; Kiley Mettendorf, IHSRA Queen 07-08; and Ariel Wienman, and Chelsea DeMott all from Illinois attended the Miss Rodeo Iowa Queen Clinic in Ames, Ia., Feb. 16-17.



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