

# Barbed Wire Newsletter

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June 2005 Edition



From the President

Greetings to All and Happy Pride 2005!

We are almost half way through 2005, and the rodeo season is well underway. As you'll read inside, HGRA has been well represented at the rodeos held so far, and we look forward to hearing of more successful rodeos in the future.

The most exciting news for this newsletter is the solidification of our plans for Heartland Rodeo 2006 on the weekend of June 24-25. Not only are we excited to be heading back to Springfield, Nebraska for our rodeo, but I am so pleased that Terri R. has taken on the role as Rodeo Director for 2006. Although HGRA has a little more than a year to plan for the next Heartland Rodeo, plans are already underway and key positions have already been filled.

Below are some of the committee chairs that still need to be filled:

Web Page	Sponsorship
Officials	Grand Entry
Rodeo Operations	Ticket Sales
Buckle Sales	Vendors

HGRA can use all the help we can get in preparing for our next rodeo, and your volunteer service is vital to bringing another successful rodeo to our community.

As you will also read inside, the 2005 Royalty Team has been very busy since the last newsletter raising money locally as well as helping other associations with their functions. I can't think the Royalty Team enough for all they do and how wonderfully they represent HGRA and our community. Support them in their upcoming events which are highlighted in Carmen's article and associated posters!

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful Pride Celebration!

Cheers!  
Phil Lister  
President, HGRA

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# ROYALTY NEWS

By Carmen  
HGRA Vice President

Greetings from your 2005 Royalty Team. The kids have been busy and the next two months will be no exception...where do I begin!

In May, Terri and Pete headed south to the Wichita Rodeo. They proudly represented HGRA throughout the rodeo including top notch performances at The South Forty Club.

On the home front, June 6th the team hosted The Bikers and Babes show at DC's Saloon. As usual, Chuck and the gang were wonderful and continue to show why DC's is an official HGRA Home Bar. Susan "Willie Shafter" and I were invited to perform at the Lincoln Pride fundraiser at The Panic on May 21st. Diana "Travis T" was in attendance to lend support.

Rounding out the month our beautiful Ammie Zahn brought together a great group of entertainers for her show at The Max on May 22nd. Ammie, Pete and Terri performed along with many of our ICON friends and other local talent. Paco and Matt were working the microphone and I couldn't help but hear all of the compliments about Paco working his see-through shirt! Thanks to Bruce, Stosh and all of our friends at the Max. The team has raised over \$1000 for their respective charities and HGRA. We all want to thank the entire association and the community for the continued support.

June started with a coming together of "Old Dogs and Young Puppies", a fundraiser hosted by Susan "Willie Shafter" at the Panic in Lincoln. Moving on to a weekend of Prideful Celebrations: HGRA will be participating in the 2005 GLBT Pride Parade in Omaha on Saturday, June 11th. Terri and Pete have been working hard on the float and it will be nothing short of spectacular. HGRA will have a booth, so come by and say howdy to the hard working cowboys and cowgirls. The winner of the "50/50 Split Raffle" will be announced at the Omaha celebration. Please see Terri or Pete to get your raffle tickets before time runs out! Tickets are \$1 each and you do not have to be present win. On Sunday, June 12th we'll be heading west for the Lincoln Pride 2005 celebration. Both Tamara Marks and I have been asked to perform and we will have our HGRA booth open. The street festival will be held at 18th and "N" streets, right in front of our home bar The Panic.

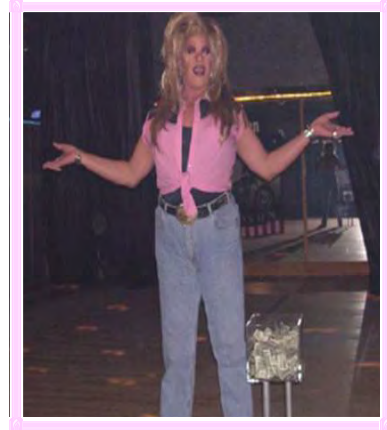
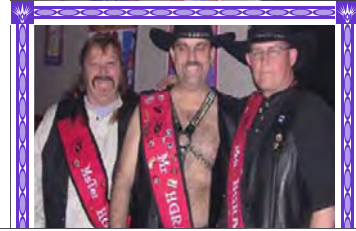
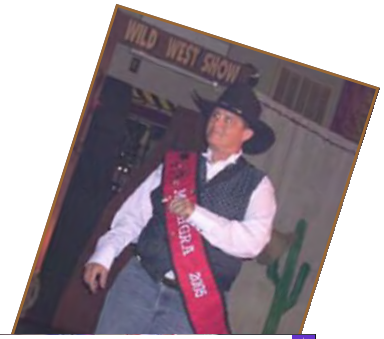
Also in June come on down to The Max and support the royalty team's Wild West Show on Friday, June 17th. The show starts at 9PM. Terri and Pete are planning a few surprises so you won't want to miss it. On June 25th they'll be putting away the guns and pulling out the bell bottoms for the Panic Disco Show in Lincoln. On July 8th there will be an HGRA Benefit Dinner at The Max. Cocktails start at 7PM, Dinner and Show will be starting at 8PM. Please see Ammie Zahn to purchase your dinner tickets. On Saturday, July 16th I will be hosting an HGRA Pool Party at The Panic. The cook out will be from 5PM to 7PM on the patio with a show to follow on the main stage. Gas up your car and keep your appetite going because we'll be back in Omaha on July 17th for Ammie's Bingo and BBQ at The Max. Whew....! Is it August yet?

Upcoming events with dates to be determined are: Mama Leona's Jell-o Shots, Crowns & Spurs, Boots & Boxers, and other exciting activities. Check our calendar at [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) for a list of the festivities.

In closing, the team would like to congratulate our Ms. HGRA 2005 Terri who has been named Rodeo Director for our 2006 HGRA Rodeo - "The Li'l Rodeo with a Big Heart". Preparations are already underway for the event which will be held in June of 2006.

Thank you for your continued support of the Royalty Team and we'll see you out there!

Carmen, Ammie, Pete, Terri, "Willie Shafter and Travis T"



Support Our Home Bars, and Order a Nice Cold Bud Light Our Rodeo Sponsor.

# Boogie Down At Our Hoe Down

**\*\* FUN \*\* DANCING \*\* RAFFLES \*\***

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
The Panic - Lincoln, NE  
Showtime: 9:30 PM**

- Dust off that mood ring!
- Polish up those boots!
- \* Come see your favorite entertainers perform those songs of yesterday!

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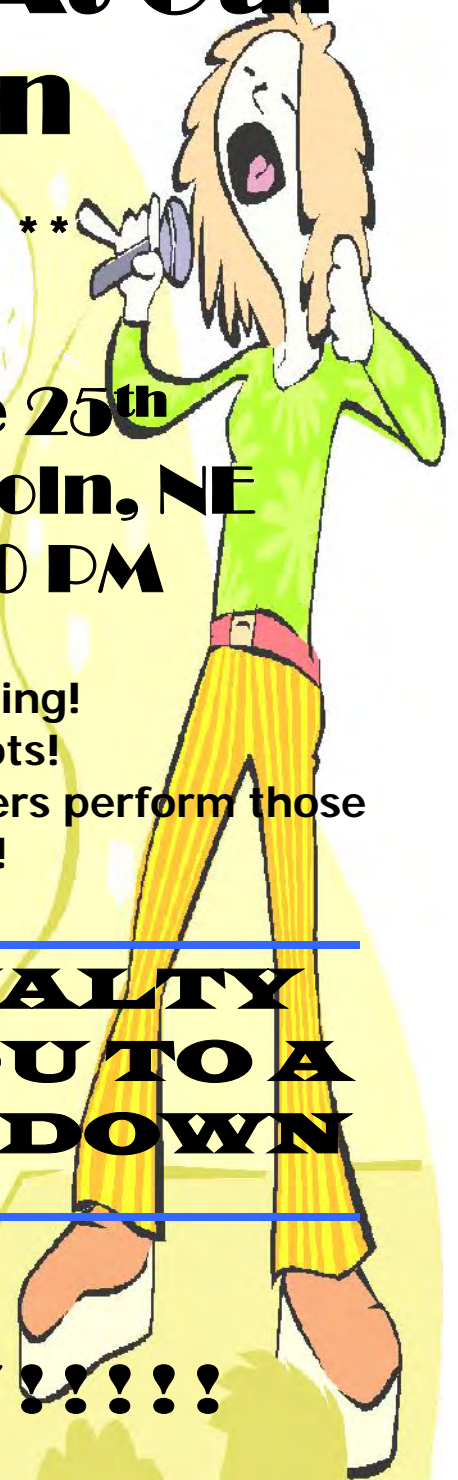
**HGRA ROYALTY  
INVITES YOU TO A  
DISCO HOE DOWN**

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**!!!!GROOVY!!!!**



*AN OFFICIAL HGRA HOME BAR*



## JUNE BYLAWS REPORT

Anyone who has suggested corrections, deletions, or additions should email them to me at [bg15732@alltel.net](mailto:bg15732@alltel.net) so I can get them submitted for approval. The approval process will take a total of 2 meetings. The suggested changes will be read and discussed at 2 consecutive meetings, then voted on. This does not apply to editorial or spelling corrections, these can be made immediately.

Respectfully submitted  
Bryn



## WANTED

Rodeo Photos  
For the Newsletter  
Email them to  
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## HEARTLAND COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS BRING HOME HONORS

The rodeo season is getting very busy for our contestants. A total of 8 rodeos have been held this year, and our contestants are trying to get enough points to qualify for Finals in November. HGRA members have represented us in Little Rock, Las Vegas, Reno, Wichita and OKC. Here are the overall results for each rodeo.

**Little Rock** – Team Heartland placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams

**Buckle Winner** - Sam Kramer Chute Dogging

Sam 5<sup>th</sup> for All Around Cowgirl

### Top 8

Flag Racing Sam Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup>

Barrel Racing Brett Hartman 7<sup>th</sup> and Tim K. 8<sup>th</sup>

Goat Dressing Tim K. 8<sup>th</sup>



**Reno** – Team Heartland placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams

### Top 8

Bryn Geerdes placed 5<sup>th</sup> in barrels, 2<sup>nd</sup> in poles, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in flag racing. She also placed 5<sup>th</sup> for All - Around Cowgirl

**Wichita Team** - Heartland placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams

**Buckle Winner** - Kim Lion won her very first buckle in wild drag

### Top 8

Tim K. placed 5<sup>th</sup> in chute dogging, 6<sup>th</sup> in barrels and 5<sup>th</sup> in pole bending

Brett Hartman placed 5<sup>th</sup> in barrels and 6<sup>th</sup> in steer deco

Doug E and David E placed 5<sup>th</sup> in wild drag

Teeny C placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in goat dressing and 5<sup>th</sup> for All - Around Cowgirl

**Oklahoma City** – Heartland placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams

**Buckle Winner** – Marv P. Wild Drag

### Top 8

Sam Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup> in barrels & and 8<sup>th</sup> in poles

Tim K. 4<sup>th</sup> in chute dogging 6<sup>th</sup> and in goat dressing

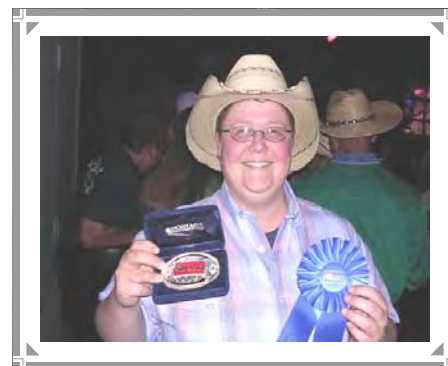
Marv P. 3<sup>rd</sup> in chute dogging and 6<sup>th</sup> in steer deco

Brett H. 3<sup>rd</sup> in steer deco

Randy J. 6<sup>th</sup> in steer deco

Teeny C. 5<sup>th</sup> in goat dressing

Rich P. 6<sup>th</sup> in goat dressing




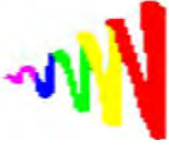

**Congrats Ms Kim!**

Albuquerque, New Mexico will be the site of the next IGRA rodeo on June 17-19.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, members will travel to Calgary Alberta and Minneapolis for rodeos on July 1-3. Travel safe and good luck!

# 2005 June

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 HGRA Monthly Meeting at MCC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Omaha Gay Pride 
12 Lincoln Gay Pride 	13	14	15	16	17 Zia Regional Rodeo 17-19 Wild West Show At The MAX in Stosh's Saloon 9:00 pm	18 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque New Mexico Rodeo Hotline 505-720-3749 
19 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque New Mexico Rodeo Hotline 505-720-3749	20	21	22	23	24	25 Disco Hoe Down At The Panic in Lincoln 9:30pm
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# HGRA is Proud to Announce

The Heartland Rodeo  
Returns to Springfield  
June 24 & 25, 2006

IGRA/Bud Light Rodeo Series



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [HGRA.NET](http://HGRA.NET)

# 2005 July

## Heartland Gay Rodeo Association

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>3</b> Canadian Rockies International Rodeo Calgary, Alberta (ARGRA) North Star Regional Rodeo Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (NSGRA)</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b></p> 	<p><b>1</b> Canadian Rockies International Rodeo Calgary, Alberta (ARGRA) North Star Regional Rodeo Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (NSGRA)</p>	<p><b>2</b> Canadian Rockies International Rodeo Calgary, Alberta (ARGRA) North Star Regional Rodeo Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (NSGRA)</p>
<p><b>10</b> Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver, Colorado (CGRA)</p>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>8</b> Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver, Colorado (CGRA)</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver, Colorado (CGRA)</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> HGRA General Meeting 1:00pm Omaha MCC</p>
<p><b>24</b> Southern Spurs Rodeo Atlanta, Georgia (GGRA)</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>22</b> Southern Spurs Rodeo Atlanta, Georgia (GGRA)</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Southern Spurs Rodeo Atlanta, Georgia (GGRA)</p>
<b>31</b>					<p><b>29</b> Greater Motown International Rodeo Part V Detroit, Michigan <b>CANCELED</b> (MIGRA)</p> 	<b>30</b>

# **WILD WEST SHOW**

***STOSH'S SALOON***



**\*\* FUN \*\* DANCING \*\* RAFFLES \*\***

**FRIDAY June 17th at 9 PM**  
**the Max - Omaha**

- Dust off your hat
- Polish up your boots

**HGRA INVITES YOU TO A WILD NIGHT OF WESTERN TUNES**

- Come see your favorite cowboys and cowgirls perform those favorite tunes from the past and present.
- **Wear a western hat and receive a free raffle ticket**

**See y'all at the hoedown!**



## Ms HGRA 2005 Becomes 2006 Rodeo Director

Howdy All

As your 2005 Ms HGRA and 2006 Rodeo Director I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know who I am. This year as your 2005 Ms HGRA I can be found performing and fundraising for the 2006 Rodeo. During the day I am hard at work with my day job but when the evening comes my partner and I are working with our horses Kinsey and Bade. With the little time I have left I am working with the rodeo staff and assistant director on the 2006 rodeo. The date has been set, and we will be returning to Springfield NE arena. We are currently looking for volunteers to work the rodeo, and if any of you are interested and would like to volunteer your time I for one can guarantee it will be time well spent, and you will get a chance to see the best Rodeo you've ever seen as well as meeting some of the best people you'd ever want to meet. So come spend a day or two with us in June 2006, and if you need more information feel free to contact me, or any of the other members of HGRA and they will send you my way. Hope to see you at the Rodeo whether you volunteer, are a contestant, or a spectator.

Terri Richards  
Ms HGRA 2005

## Old Dogs and Young Puppies A Success at The Panic

By Susan Dixon /Willie Shafter MsTer HGRA 2005

**WOW!!** That is the best description I can give for the show held at the Panic on June 4, 2005. After the big scare of tornado warnings and hail, the weather couldn't stop the show. The show was a fundraiser for HGRA and the charity ENCOMPASS OMAHA (an organization to prevent teen suicide in the GLBT community).

Susan Dixon aka Willie Shafter- MsTer HGRA hosted the show Old Dogs and Young Puppies. The crowd was small but very generous in donations. We reached our goal! Thank you all for your generous donations.

We would like to thank the MC's Jazz and Carmen, who also performed and did a great job. Terry Richards- Ms. HGRA, Diana K. aka Travis T. - MsTer HGRA Runner Up, Susan Dixon aka Willie Shafter - MsTer HGRA, Amy Sobotka aka Michael/ Carlos, and Gwen Glover aka Missy Mae.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the raffle. Thanks to Terry Grossman and Jerry Wilson for making this a successful event. We raised several \$'s with the raffles alone.

We would like to give a BIG thank you to Kelly and Cara for allowing us to hold our shows at the Panic (our HGRA home bar) and all the support they give us. Many thanks to Jeff for making sure our music is played in the correct order and sounds good; to Tom for keeping us in the lights; to the bartenders for taking such good care of us, and to Eric for manning the door.

We had a lot of comments from the crowd about how much they enjoyed the show and were anxious for the next show that Susan would host.

OLD DOGS &  
YOUNG PUPPIES

