



# THE BARBED WIRE



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## 2006 HGRA President

Hello Everyone

I am very excited to be the new President of HGRA in 2006. I would like to welcome back all of our returning members and encourage anyone who has an interest in rodeo to join us at the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association. We are a great bunch of people who know how to "cowboy up"! We will be having our next General membership and Rodeo planning meeting at D & K Café in Gretna on February 4, 2006 at 3:30 PM. If you are interest in rodeo and/or HGRA we would love to see you there.


We are going to have a wonderful year with our Rodeo returning to Springfield NE on May 20-21 and with all the fun we have planned for our fundraising events. For the first time the Rodeo will be an evening performance on Saturday

starting at 4 PM and a later start on Sunday at noon. We are really excited about the opportunities this new format will give us to provide our rodeo spectators will a fun and exciting event. We will continue to update you on developments as we finalize arrangements but it promises to be our best rodeo yet! Don't forget to check out our newly designed website ([www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net)) to keep up on rodeo happenings and developments in the planning of the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo. Our charity partners this year include Youth Emergency Services (YES), Child Saving Institute (CSI) and Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). With your support we are hoping to raise funds to help these great organizations and have a great time doing it.

To put on a high caliber rodeo for our spectators

we will be having MANY fundraising events over the next few months. Our Royalty, past and present have stepped up to kick off our year with yee-haw! We would love to see you out supporting the events in Omaha, Lincoln, and Kansas City and who knows where else we may pop up to spread the word! We will be doing some traditional shows as well as looking for some new ways to raise money for the rodeo and our charities. On all fronts it looks like we will have a wonderful year and we want you to be part of it.

Rodeo Rules!

Kathy 

HGRA 2006 President



### Next Meeting

February 4th  
3:30 PM  
D&K Café Gretna NE

### STORAGE UNIT GOES MOBILE

Thanks to Greg Brand for his generous donation to HGRA of a cargo trailer. The trailer will be used to store all of our rodeo equipment and property belonging to HGRA. This will save our association over \$300 annually.

Greg has also made a major contribution to the Heartland Rodeo and has sponsored buckles for our annual awards. Thanks for your generosity!



# **HEARTLAND RODEO ROUND-UP**

## **HEARTLAND RODEO - UNDER THE LIGHTS!**

The Heartland Rodeo is going back to Springfield and will be taking place on Saturday Night and Sunday afternoon! Saturday's performances will start between 4-5pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Upcoming announcements about other special attractions will be forthcoming. Keep checking our website at [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) or the Barbed Wire for more information.

The net proceeds from the Heartland Rodeo will benefit MCC, Youth Emergency Services, and Child Saving Institute. HGRA has donated over \$70,000 to Omaha Charities since 2000.

## **WANTED - BUCKLE SPONSORS**

Plans for the Heartland Rodeo are in full swing! We are proud to announce that Greg Brand, Mr. LongArm, Casteel Capital of Omaha, and Bud Light have joined our International Sponsor, Hero Unit Productions as major sponsors of the Heartland Rodeo.

Heartland Rodeo is looking for Buckle Sponsors. Our beautiful buckles will be given to the 27 rodeo event champions. Each sponsor will present their buckle to our Heartland Rodeo Champions. Buckle Sponsorships are available for \$200. Limited sponsorship remain, so if you are interested in sponsoring a buckle, please email us at [information06@hgra.net](mailto:information06@hgra.net)

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 20-21 at the Heartland Rodeo in Springfield NE.

## **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

It takes a tremendous amount of people to put on an event like the Heartland Rodeo and we greatly appreciate those who volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering during rodeo weekend should contact our volunteer coordinator at [volunteer06@hgra.net](mailto:volunteer06@hgra.net)

## **LOOKING FOR VENDORS**

Vendor space is available for Heartland Rodeo for a fee of \$75.00 for a single booth and \$25.00 for Non-Profit Organizations. Please contact [vendor06@hgra.net](mailto:vendor06@hgra.net)

## RODEO DIRECTORS REPORT.

Rodeo time is fast approaching and we are in full swing for Rodeo preparation. Our Rodeo this year will be the first night time Heartland Rodeo with registration starting on Saturday from 8 – 11 AM and the rodeo starting at 4:00pm. On Saturday we are planning some special entertainment and fun before and after the rodeo at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds.

We are also looking for a few good men and women. There are many ways anyone interested in being part of this year's rodeo can participate, sponsor, volunteer, or spectator. There are buckles available for sponsorship as well as opportunities to sponsor the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo. We invite anyone that is interested in being a volunteer to contact Jim at [volunteer06@hgra.net](mailto:volunteer06@hgra.net), your Rodeo Directors Kathy or Terri at

[RodeoDirector06@hgra.net](mailto:RodeoDirector06@hgra.net) or log onto [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) to sign up to help.

We appreciate all that have and will sign up to make this the best rodeo ever. Our volunteers make the rodeo extra special for all that attend.

Another fun part of the rodeo experience is the silent auction and is always a big favorite with the contestants and the spectators. If you would like to donate an item for silent auction please contact us at [RodeoDirector06@hgra.net](mailto:RodeoDirector06@hgra.net). Proceeds will go to paying for the rodeo and to our charity partners Youth Emergency Services, Child Saving Institute, and Metropolitan Community Church.

HGRA also has redesigned our web

site in order to keep everyone up to date on all of our plans. We invite everyone to check out the new web site [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) where you can get information on all of our events, fundraisers and the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo.

We are very excited about this year's rodeo and look forward to seeing everyone at the 8<sup>th</sup> Heartland Rodeo in Springfield May 20-21, 2006. Be sure to mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it!

Let's Rodeo

Terri & Kathy

2006 Rodeo Directors

## 2006 ROYALTY REPORT

The Heartland Royalty would like to thank everyone for your support in 2005.

2006 is going to be an exciting and entertaining year. Mr. HGRA and Ms HGRA have been busy filling up the calendar with many fundraisers and Shows.

The first event will be the Super Bowl Fiesta at Connections with food and bingo February 5<sup>th</sup>. Bingo will start at 3:30pm and football at 5:30pm. We will be serving our famous nachos, tacos and chili starting at 3:30 PM until the game ends. So join us to cheer on your favorite team and for some great food. February 11<sup>th</sup>, Ms HGRA and Mr. HGRA will host a Valentines Sweet-heart Show at Connections in Omaha. The show starts at 9.00pm with dancing to follow. Grab your sweetie and celebrate Valentines Day with us a little early.

February 24<sup>th</sup> your Royalty members past and present will join MGRA in a joint show at Sidekicks in KC to support rodeo in both states. What a great excuse for a road trip! We hope you will join us for what we know will be a fun time.

We always look forward to seeing at our shows and events. Be sure to check out the HGRA website to keep up with our plans for March, April, May and beyond!

Let the fun begin!

Terri, Ms HGRA 2005-2006

Pete, Mr. HGRA 2005-2006

## MCC-O BINGO!

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO at that!  
Friday, February 17  
Food at 6 PM -- BINGO at 6:45 --  
Early Bird Bingo at 6:30  
CAKE/PIE AUCTION TOO!

You bring your fabulous, but "not quite your style" and not yet packed away Christmas gifts--those are our White Elephant prizes!

For each FABULOUSLY GREAT PRIZE you bring, we'll enter your name in a special drawing! The more prizes you bring, the more chances you have! You could be the winner of some TRULY FABULOUS PRIZE, or not.....

\$3 per card or \$5 for two cards or \$10 for five cards.

Nachos, Sloppy Joes, soda, coffee, and more.

You are a guaranteed winner at MCC-O BINGO!

# February 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Rodeo & General Meeting D&K Café Gretna NE.
5 Super Bowl Party at Connections  	6	7	8	9	10	11 Sweet Hearts Show Omaha At Connections 9-11  
12 Lincoln's Birthday  	13	14 Valentines Day  	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day & Canadian Family Day.	21	22 Washington's Birthday  	23	24 Fundraiser in Kansas City at Sidekicks 39th & Main Street. With MGRA members	25
26	27	28				

## FEBRUARY FUNDRAISERS .

Feb. 4th Rodeo Meeting at 3:30 at D&K Café in Gretna NE.

Feb. 5th Super Bowl Fiesta and Bingo at Connections in Omaha Bingo starts at 3:00 till the Game starts.

Feb. 11th Sweethearts show at Connections in Omaha 9 -11pm

Feb. 24th Fundraiser in Kansas City for MGRA and HGRA at Sidekicks 39th Main Street 9pm till ....

## HGRA WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website continues to develop and new changes and features have been added since December. The rodeo information page is up with everything you need to know about the rodeo. We have also added an Announcement area on the home page that will keep everyone informed of upcoming activities. This month we will have information on the Super Bowl Fiesta and the Valentine Sweetheart Show, just click on "more" and it will take you to a poster with all the details.

The address is the same [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net). If you have any suggested changes, mistakes, or additions you would like to see made, please contact us at [information06@hgra.net](mailto:information06@hgra.net).

## RODEO RESULTS

The first rodeo of the 2006 IGRA rodeo series took place in Phoenix (RRRR) this past weekend. Several HGRA members headed west and competed in the warm Arizona sunshine. Over 3500 spectators filled the new Rawhide Rodeo Venue and were treated to a great rodeo!

Our 2-Timers Char and Jo had a great rodeo and had very consistent times for all their events. Our other members Brett and Bryn, who competed in several events didn't do so well. The only thing that either brought home was Bryn, and that was a very bad cold!

RRRR had International media

coverage including press from France, Germany, the BBC from England, television coverage from E - TV, Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, and Logo.

It is obvious that Brokeback Mountain has brought us a tremendous amount of media exposure. We are very hopeful that it will result in higher attendance at our rodeos and more new rodeo contestants. This is a very exciting time for IGRA and all their member associations.

Our next rodeo is the Cowtown Rodeo, March 3-5 in Fort Worth. Check out the IGRA website at [www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com) for more details.

## Rodeo Events

Each month we will be featuring events that you will see at the Heartland Rodeo.

Our rodeo has events for everyone – you don't need a horse to participate. Two events that many newcomers to the rodeo will start with are - goat dressing and calf roping on foot. Have fun and see you on the rodeo circuit!

### Goat Dressing

Goat dressing requires a team of 2. Western wear is not required for this event so you will often see competitors wearing athletic shoes and a baseball cap. The object of this event is to put a pair of jockey-style underwear on a goat. The team stands 50 feet from the point where the goat is tethered.

One of the team members has a pair of jockey-style. When the whistle sounds, the team runs to the goat and attempts to dress the

goat with the underwear. The team member without the underwear picks up the goat's rear hooves, grabs the underwear from around the other member's arms, and pulls it up the legs of the goat. Both team members must then race back to the start/finish line and cross the finish line to stop the time. The underwear must stay over the goat's tail bone until the timer is tagged by both members.

The payoff in this event is usually the highest since so many contestants compete in it.

The times average anywhere between 10.5 and 12 seconds.



### CALF ROPING ON FOOT

Anyone who has a rope and a trash can or tree stump can practice this event. Most of these ropers never throw at a calf until the actual event. Your practice time is spent throwing at non moving objects. I know of one contestant that learned to rope in a parking lot throwing at parking pylons. During the event, the contestant stands in the roping box. When they call for the calf to be released, they attempt to throw a loop over the calf's head. Once the loop passes the head, the contestant must pull the slack in the rope. To avoid rope burn-LET GO! This is another event where the payoff is very good.



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# **SUPER BOWL XL**

## **HGRA & Connections**

Present

### **SUPER BOWL FIESTA!**

**February 5, 2006**

Doors Open at 3 PM

**HGRA will be serving up**

**Chili~ Nachos ~ Tacos.**



Before all the football action starts join us for

**B\_I\_N\_G\_O**

**3:00 PM- 4:30PM**



**STARTING At 5 PM**

**LET'S GET READY FOR SOME  
FOOTBALL**

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl on the Big Screen**

Net Proceeds to  
**Heartland Rodeo 2006 in  
Springfield NE**

Come join the fun.  
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha



# HGRA and CONNECTIONS

Present

## The Sweet Hearts Show



♥ Valentine's ♥  
Sweetheart Show!  
February 11, 2006  
9:00 PM- 11:00 PM

♥ Celebrate your sweetheart with  
us. ♥  
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha



Proceeds will go to Heartland Rodeo  
May 20th & 21st In Springfield NE



# Royalty & Friends



**March 24th 9pm to 11pm  
The Panic In Lincoln**

**March 25th 9pm to 11pm  
Connections In Omaha**



Performances by some of your favorites

**BUBBA, CARLOTA LOVE, ANTIQUITY  
& PRICILLA**

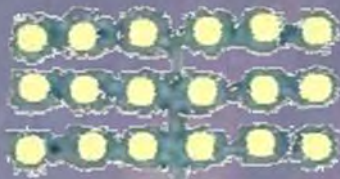
are back one more time from retirement

Ms TAMARA MARKS - Former MS MIGRA  
Ms JoJo Knott-Former MS HGRA  
Ms Charlotte Weirth - Former MS HGRA  
Ms Linda Mackie - Former MS HGRA  
Ms Terri R - Current MS HGRA  
And Many Others.

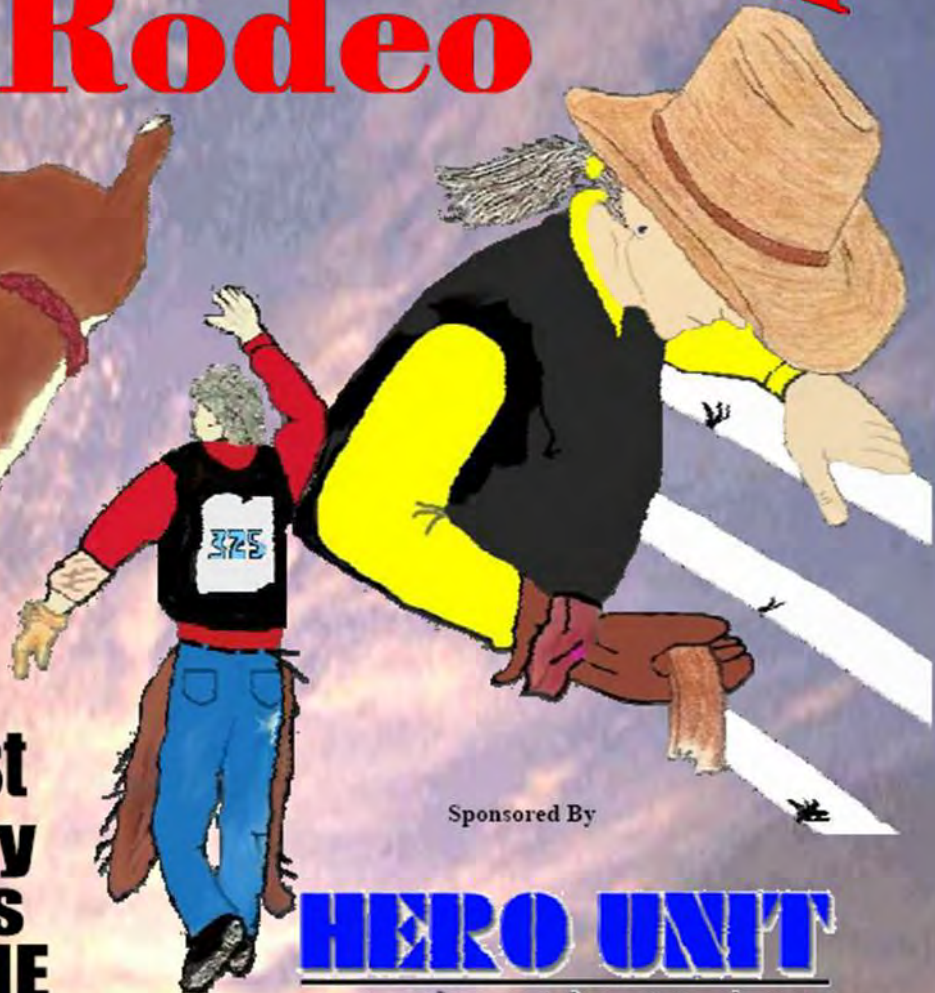


All Proceeds will go to HGRA Rodeo Funds





# 8th Heartland Rodeo



Sponsored By

**May 20th - 21st  
Sarpy County  
Fairgrounds  
Springfield NE**

**HERO UNIT**  
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Finish. Up.

**CASTEEL**  
Capital LLC.

Rodeo Starts At  
5 PM on Saturday May 20th  
12:00 Noon Sunday May 21st  
Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the Gate.  
For more information go to [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net)

Proceeds will benefit Local Omaha Charities