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A Word From The President

They say time flies when you are having fun and that certainly can be said about 2006. It is hard to believe that we are into March but by the feverish planning for the 8th Heartland Rodeo it is evident that time is flying! We are shaping up to have the best Rodeo ever with a nighttime performance on Saturday and the 2nd performance on Sunday afternoon. To top it all off we have landed Nashville recording artist Steff Mahan to do a concert after the Saturday rodeo out at the Springfield Fairgrounds. Talk about a fun and entertaining weekend you will not want to miss so mark your calendars now!

On a personal note, I am a rookie at this rodeo and president thing and I would like to thank all that have volunteered to help us put on this year's rodeo. Terri Richards and I recently attended IGRA Rodeo University in Las Vegas (Terri and I received two of the eight degrees handed out, out of 67 participants). It made me realize how much I have to learn and makes me appreciate all of the help we are receiving. The Heartland Rodeo Association has a long standing tradition of putting on a quality rodeo and even though we are small, we are held in high regard by other associations. This rodeo is shaping because of the great people in our association and our friends in the community. Thank you for your dedication to rodeo and our community.

Dates to mark in your calendar are:

March 11 - 3:30PM Membership & Rodeo Meeting at Y.E.S. Omaha

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Green Beer & Grub at Connections, Omaha

March 24 – 9 PM Old Friends & Royalty Show at Panic, Lincoln

March 25 – 9 PM Old Friends & Royalty Show at Connections, Omaha

April 1st – 3:30 PM Membership & Rodeo Meeting

April 15th –8 PM Crowns and Spurs ICON/HGRA DC's Saloon

May 20 – 4 PM 8th Heartland Rodeo followed by Concert with Steff Mahan

May 21 – Noon 8th Heartland Rodeo Starts

I hope to see you there!
Kathy,
2006 HGRA President



Next Meeting
March 11th
3:30 PM
Y.E.S.
(Youth Emergency Services)
3910 Harney St
Omaha NE



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HGRA GARAGE SALE



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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 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.

BUY YOUR RODEO TICKETS ONLINE

Make plans now to attend the 8th Heartland Rodeo May 20-21 in Springfield NE which is located 10 min. from downtown Omaha. Tickets can be purchased using PayPal or your credit card on our website at www.hgra.net.

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. Only 6 buckle sponsorship remain, so if you are interested in sponsoring a buckle, please email us at 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 volunteers06@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

RODEO DIRECTORS REPORT.

Howdy Y'all

February has come to an end and March is upon us that mean that we have three months before the Heartland Rodeo (May 20th and 21st in Springfield, NE). Excitement for the Rodeo is building. For all of you who want to volunteer for the Rodeo, please send your name and phone number to volunteers06@hgra.net and we will sign you up. Do you want to join the fun year round? We can sign you up as a member and become part of a great family across Canada and the USA that believes in the western life style. So saddle up and come ride with us. The Rodeo will be different from past years in that we are having a nighttime show starting at 4 PM on Saturday followed by Steff Mahan in concert at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds.

Sunday will be a matinee rodeo followed by the awards banquet. It is going to be a great time. Be sure not to miss it!

With your Directors back from IGRA University we are filled with fresh ideas and a lot of enthusiasm. A word or two about University, it was a wonderful experience and I would highly recommend it if you are planning on holding an HGRA board position or just want to learn more about rodeo. Both Kathy and I earned our Associate's Degree in Rodeo Arts at the two-day University in Las Vegas. We hope to attend again next year to get our Bachelor's Degrees.

Speaking of saddling up in Las Vegas, we are not gamblers so we had to find something a little different to entertain ourselves until University started. Your two Heartland cowpokes found fun on a sunset

trail ride. We took a two hour horse back ride through Red Rock Canon followed by a cowboy dinner of Steak, potatoes, beans and coffee. We then listened to cowboy poetry and old trail songs by the campfire. A big Cowboy Thanks goes out to the wranglers and new friends at Cowboy trails and IGRA members in Las Vegas. Thanks for a great time.

Hope to see you all in Springfield at the Heartland 2006 Rodeo
May 20 - 21

Terri and Kathy
2006 Rodeo Directors



2006 ROYALTY REPORT

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys
What a ride it has been for the month of February and already we are into March.

February was a fun filled month starting with the Super Bowl Fiesta and Bingo at Connections featuring Heartlands famous tacos and chili that were served though out the afternoon games. Thanks to everyone who came out to play bingo and watch the Steelers win. On February 11th we had the Sweethearts Show at Connections. HGRA Royalty was joined by performers from ICON, Mr. Gay Pride, and past Rodeo Royalty. Mr. HGRA Pete had the crowd going wild as he flashed is heart Boxers

as he played cupid. The week of February 17th MS HGRA was at University in Las Vegas and upon returning 3 days later headed for K.C. for a joint show with MGRA. Thanks to MGRA, Mandy B and Sidekicks, the joint effort was a big success. Again the community came out to support our Rodeo.



Mr. Gay Pride Johnny, Emperor XXV Dan, Tamara Marks, Kathy (our Prez) and the Royalty team participated in the show while a strong showing of HGRA members cheered them on. Thanks to MGRA for being a great host. We look forward to working with MGRA again.

The month of March starts off on March 17th with the St Patty's Day party at Connections in Omaha. Your Royalty team will be serving up corned beef and cabbage and Irish Stew along with Leona's famous Jell-O shots with raffles and prizes. On the 24th of March, Friends and Royalty will be holding a show at the Panic in Lincoln with many of your favorites coming out of retirement to perform. We will do an encore performance on the 25th of March at Connections. So mark your calendars with these dates we look forward to seeing you all.

Ms HGRA Terri

March 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Rodeo & General Meeting At Y.E.S. 3:30 PM 3910 Harney Omaha NE
12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy St Patrick's Day Green Beer & Grub at Connections Omaha NE 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Old Friends & Royalty Show at The Panic Lincoln NE	25 Old Friends & Royalty Show At Connections Omaha NE
26	27	28	29	30	31	

March. 11th at Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Services) 3910 Harney Omaha NE

March 17th Green Beer and Grub at Connections in Omaha NE

March 24th Old Friends & Royalty Show at The Panic 17th & N in Lincoln NE

March 25th Old Friends & Royalty Show at Connections 19th & Leavenworth in Omaha NE

FUNDRAISERS FOR MARCH.

Rodeo Events

This month we are featuring 2 more events that you will see at the Heartland Rodeo. As you can see our rodeo has events for everyone – you don't need a horse to participate. Two more events that many newcomers on the rodeo can start with are – steer deco and chute dogging. Have fun and hope to see you on the rodeo circuit!

Steer Deco ~ Camp Event

Steer Deco 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 tie a ribbon on the tail of a steer. One member of the team stands 10 feet from the chute gate holding the end of a 25 foot rope, which is looped around the steer's horns. The other team member stands 40 feet from the chute and has a 24-inch long ribbon. When the chute opens, the team must bring the steer out and across the 10-foot line. The member with the ribbon tries to tie the ribbon on the steer's tail while the other team member tries to remove the rope from the steer's horns. When the ribbon is on the tail and the loop is off the horns, the ribbon-tier must tag the timer back at the chute area. This event is pictured below in picture on left. The payoff in this event is usually high since so many contestants compete in it. The times average anywhere between 7.0 and 10 seconds.



Chute Dogging ~ Rough Stock Event

This event is designed to give even the novice a chance to compete in rough stock events. The steer and the contestant both start in the bucking chute and face a 60 second time limit. When the chute gate opens, the contestant must bring the steer out and cross the 10-foot line in front of the chute, and then attempt to wrestle or "dog" the steer to the ground. The contestant will turn the steer's head up and towards the steer's shoulder, hoping the steer will fall over on its other shoulder, causing all 4 feet to face the same direction as the head is turned. In this event, either the dogger "dogs" or gets "dogged" ... sound easy? These animals weigh approximately 500 lbs. HGRA has produced 7 International champions in this event. From 2000 – 2004, Heartland cowgirls captured 5 Final's buckles and the cowboy's have captured 2.

It is a good idea to have a mouth guard and flack jacket when you start competing. Jackets can be borrowed from another competitor. Cowboy hat, boots, long sleeve shirt and jeans are required. This event is pictured above in the 2nd and 3rd picture.

HGRA Membership

If you haven't renewed your HGRA membership yet or you've been thinking about becoming a member, it's time to get it done. The rodeo season is upon us with 7 rodeos between now and the end of May. This includes the first ever rodeos in Ft Lauderdale and St Louis. For \$30 you can be a part of the action. You will find a membership application in this newsletter. Don't wait join now!



We Want You

Our next membership meeting is March 11th at 3:30 at Youth Emergency Services 3910 Harney St Omaha NE

HEARTLAND RODEO CONCERT

This year's rodeo will have a special treat for those who attend on Saturday. After the Rodeo, the crowd will be entertained by vocal talents of Tamara Marks who will be debuting her newly released CD. Tamara will be opening our concert and will be followed by Nashville recording artist Steff Mahan and her band. The concert will be included in the price of the rodeo ticket and all volunteers, contestants and officials will be able to attend at no additional cost. All others who may want to just come to the concert can buy a \$10 ticket at the gate. Casteel Venture Group is sponsoring the concert. It will be a great night of rodeo action and entertainment.



Steff Mahan



Tamara Marks



Pssst If you have items that you would like to donate to the HGRA Garage Sale, (Ok so they don't have a garage), you can bring them to MCC Church on Saturday April 1st between 3:30 and 4:30 or you can bring them to MCC the morning of the Sale, April 8th Hope to see you there!!! & Bring Stuff!!!



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

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& PRICILLA**

are back one more time from retirement

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Ms Charlotte Werth - Former MS HGRA
Ms Linda Mackie - Former MS HGRA
Ms Terri R - Current MS HGRA
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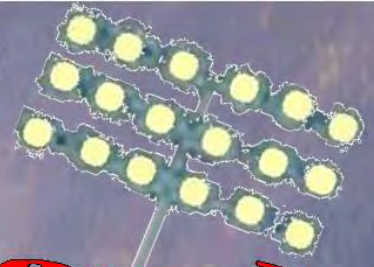
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8th Heartland Rodeo



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Casteel Venture Group

**SATURDAY MAY 20 4:00 PM
SUNDAY MAY 21 NOON**



PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY START TIME 4PM

TICKETS

**\$10.00 ADVANCED
\$12.00 DAY OF RODEO
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CONCERT

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