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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT-KATHY WARD

“It’s boots and chaps,  
 It’s cowboy hats,  
 It’s spurs and latigo.  
 It’s the ropes and the reins,  
 And the joy and the pain,  
 And they call the thing RODEO.”

From Rodeo written by Larry Bastian

Performed by Garth Brooks

As the weather warms up in the Heartland and our winter creaking bones start to limber up it’s time to get serious about Rodeo! HGRA is hosting a rodeo play day this year on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lakota Stables. For our members and friends who compete, it will be a chance to practice, play and maybe learn a few things. For anyone who loves rodeo and maybe thought they might want to try it, this is an opportunity to try some fun events. We are planning some clinics in the morning for those who want to learn more about rodeo events, horse care and training and other rodeo related items. Then in the afternoon we will play and test some of our new learned skills. It will be a fun time for all. Who knows maybe you’ll like it so much that you will want to join HGRA and compete at other IGRA Rodeo events around the country. Membership has its privileges with eligibility to compete in IGRA rodeos and with discounts at HGRA events.

So what about the Heartland Rodeo? Well, we are working on plans to host the next Heartland Rodeo in 2008. Leading up to that event we are going to be looking for you. HGRA will be hosting fundraising events for the Play Day and the rodeo. We would love to see you out to support the Association as we put in place the pieces to have another great rodeo in the Heartland. We could use a few good cowboys and cowgirls to help keep up the Heartland tradition of being the “Little Rodeo with a Big Heart”. Why not check us out at one of our upcoming events at Connections in Omaha April 6 or at the Panic in Lincoln April 13th. If you are curious about HGRA why not check out our web site at [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) or if you have questions email me at [northgirl65@yahoo.com](mailto:northgirl65@yahoo.com).

We hope to see you soon Let’s Rodeo!

Kathy HGRA President

**Our next general membership meeting will be held on April 14 at 3:30pm  
 at MCC 819 So 22 St Omaha NE**

**Saddle Up  
 With HGRA**  
**Everyone from the  
 community is  
 invited to join us at  
 Connections on  
 April 6th 8-10**  
 SEE PAGE 2  
 FOR MORE DETAILS

**Sequins and Spurs  
 The Panic in Lincoln  
 APRIL 13TH 9:30 PM**  
 JOIN TAMARA MARKS  
 AND MANY MORE OF YOUR  
 FAVORITES AS THEY TAKE TO  
 THE STAGE TO RAISE MONEY  
 FOR CAMP KINDLE AND  
 HGRA  
 SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS

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## RODEO PLAY DAY JUNE 23rd LAKOTA STABLES

On June 23rd HGRA will be hosting a rodeo play day for anyone who wants to learn more about rodeo, horse care, competing in rodeo events, and line dancing.

We are still working on the details but we do know that there will be IGRA champions at the event giving you hands on training in roping, goat dressing, horse speed events, and several other fun categories. You will be able to put your training to the test on Saturday afternoon when we actually have rodeo competition in these events. We will also have Amber provide information on working with your horse using Pat

Parelli methods. Horse stalls and camping will be available.

After a long day in the arena, we'll kick back for an evening of dancing and entertainment. Food and beverages will be available during the day, so if you have had enough fun in the arena you can grab your lawn chair and your favorite beverage and watch the rest of the competition from the comfort of your own chair.

We hope to have some line dance instructors teaching the latest line dance moves.

Watch for more details in the Gayzette and future editions of the Barbed Wire.



**Breakaway Roping Champion  
Ty T. Heartland Rodeo 2006  
Photo courtesy CowboyFrank.net**

## HGRA MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member of HGRA has just been made easier. You can now go to [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net) and complete your membership application online using Paypal or a credit card. You can still join without using the online feature by completing a membership application and sending a \$30 check to HGRA PO Box 3354 Omaha NE. If you have any questions about becoming a member of HGRA

please email us at [membership07@hgra.net](mailto:membership07@hgra.net). Remember, members can receive discounts at HGRA events and on merchandise and your membership also allows you to compete in any IGRA sanctioned event.



### IGRA Rodeo News



DIAMOND STATES RODEO  
April 20-22

For More information go to:  
<http://www.dsra.org/rodeo.html>

The LA Rodeo scheduled for  
August 3-6th has been cancelled

*Old Cowboy Saying:  
"Wisdom is seldom  
found in a book"*



**SADDLE UP**  
**HGRA COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS**  
 WILL BE HEADED TO  
**CONNECTIONS**  
  
**APRIL 6**  
**8-11PM**  
 COUNTRY MUSIC ~ SNACKS ~ PRIZES  
 JELLO SHOTS  
 PRACTICE YOUR ROPING SKILLS

## 3RD ANNUAL PRIDE PROM MAY 19TH

Proud Horizons, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG Omaha), Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN Omaha) and the metropolitan Omaha Gay Straight Alliances eagerly announce the 2007 Tom Mahony Pride Prom for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and their straight allies ages 14-23. The Pride Prom will be held Saturday, May 19 from 7-11 p.m. in Cary Hall at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The dance will have a DJ, photographer, uniformed security officers and refreshments. The theme selected for this year's dance is Mystical Forest. Admission is \$5.00 per person, payable at the door.

Pride Prom planners are expecting over 200 youth this year. To help make the prom a success, the prom committee needs the community's financial support. Please make checks payable to Proud Horizons. Donations may be sent to Proud Horizons, 15409 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68144.

As part of PFLAG Omaha, Proud Horizons is a 501(c)3 organization and donations to the prom are tax deductible in accordance with applicable IRS regulations. All groups and individuals will be given recognition at the prom for their donations. If you wish to remain an anonymous donor, please let us know.

Proud Horizons is a youth support group for LGBT youth and their allies and provides a safe space for youth to discuss life's issues with their peers and to create a social network. Proud Horizons is sponsored by PFLAG Omaha. For more information about Proud Horizons visit their Web site: [www.proudhorizons.com](http://www.proudhorizons.com) or e-mail [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com).

For more information about the Pride Prom, please contact Carrie Spencer or Suzy Adams at 402-880-8073 or e-mail [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com).

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you in need to advertise your business, an upcoming garage sale, or possibly want to sell an old car you want to get rid of? Whatever your need, you can place an ad in the HGRA newsletter.

Business card size

Non-members \$12.00

Members \$ 7.00

Contact Bryn at [bg15732@alltel.net](mailto:bg15732@alltel.net) for more details

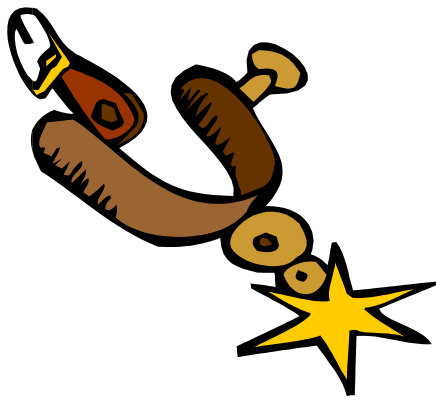
### Support Our Sponsors





HGRA PRESENTS

# SEQUINS



&

# SPURS

**THE PANIC**

**April 13th, 9:30pm**

**Join Host**

**Tamara Marks**

**And her special guests for some fun and  
entertainment. Male and Female Impersonators and  
Live Vocalists!**

**The proceeds will go to Camp Kindle and HGRA**