

Sarah Heermann looks forward to Phillips County Fair as Queen

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As Phillips County readies itself for the upcoming fair, Fair Queen Sarah Heermann reflects on her time spent as fair royalty.

Heermann was officially crowned queen at the 2009 Haxtun Corn Festival, but preparations for the role started long beforehand. "I have always wanted to be the Fair Queen because I wanted to represent Phillips County," Heermann said.

Having lived in Holyoke her whole life, Heermann has been attending the Fair for as long as she can remember. She has been in the Challengers 4-H Club for eight years. She is also a four-year member of the Logan County Horse Judging Team.

Before becoming Fair Queen, Heermann served as Lady in Waiting and represented the county in several parades around Northeastern Colorado. This year she intends to do the same, in addition to riding in her own parade during the Phillips County Fair.

One of the highlights of her reign, Heermann noted, was attending the National Western Stock Show and Parade in Denver. Many other Colorado Fair Queens were in attendance, as well as Miss Rodeo America and Miss Rodeo Colorado.

While there, Heermann met with several Stock Show dignitaries, discussing Phillips County, the upcoming Fair and the new event center at the fairgrounds. She noted, "I think it is important to promote Phillips County beyond Northeast Colorado."

Discussing her reasons for running for Fair Queen, Heermann shared that she thinks the Fair Queen plays a vital role in keeping a vibrant county fair atmosphere. She considers herself lucky to be a part of a rural community, where she has the opportunity to be so involved in the County Fair. "It's an experience that cannot be duplicated in an urban area."

Heermann encourages everyone to attend this year's Fair, July 27-Aug. 1. As usual, she plans to spend the week participating in the fair.

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Showing horses at the Phillips County Fair, Heermann has claimed three years of Senior High Point All Around Champion. She has also been the Senior High Point Champion at the Phillips County Amateur Rodeo, receiving the Bank of Colorado's college scholarship for three years.

Heermann is a Level II Western Division rider in Nebraska and Colorado. She has competed in both Nebraska and Colorado State Fairs. She is the 2009 Colorado State Fair, Western Division State Champion.

There are many people to thank for making Heermann's reign as Fair Queen possible.

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This year Heermann will be a senior at Holyoke High School, where she has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and National Honor Society. She has also been involved in FBLA, FFA, TRUST, select choir and school plays and musicals. Other interests include scuba diving, snow skiing and riding horses.

Heermann is the daughter of Eldon and Christine Heermann. Her brother is Justin.