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Public Invited to Miss Rodeo N.D. Coronation Celebration Jan. 3 in Mandan

The public is invited to a coronation celebration for Miss Rodeo North Dakota Dani Taylor as she begins her term of service representing the state and the sport of rodeo. The party is being held Saturday, Jan. 3, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Baymont Inn & Suites (formerly known as the Seven Seas Inn), Mandan.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, a Mr. Rodeo pageant skit, silent and live auctions, a National Rifle Association Wall of Guns, and dance. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Proceeds from the event will go toward Miss Rodeo North Dakota travel and expenses for competition in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in 2015. Auction items include a Honda tiller, a quarter beef, an original oil painting by Wilton artist Deb Knuth of chuckwagon racing, a Milwaukee battery heated jacket, and a variety meat bundle.

A raffle will get underway with prizes including a Weatherby rifle, \$500 VISA gift card, \$500 Scheels gift card, \$500 Acme Tool gift card, and a mini I-Pad. The drawing will be held Feb. 27.

Among Taylor's first duties as the state's rodeo queen is representation at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver during January, the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo in Rapid City, S.D., in February, plus professional rodeos to be held in Bismarck and Fargo.

Taylor, 21, will also be finishing her education at South Dakota State University, Brookings, through online studies. She is a senior majoring in mass communications and political science. She plans to pursue a career in public relations by promoting agricultural businesses or organizations.

She was named Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2015 in October during the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo in Minot. Competing in the state pageant as Miss Rodeo Mandan, She earned top honors in the pageant's horsemanship, personality and appearance categories.

Taylor has been a rodeo competitor in the goat tying, breakaway roping, and team roping events in the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association. She has also been a competitor in livestock showmanship, hockey, track, FFA parliamentary procedure and agricultural communications contests, 4-H horse shows, and Mandan Horse and Saddle Club family rodeos and horse shows. Her parents are Marc and Dee Taylor, Mandan.

Taylor succeeds Codi Miller of Amidon as Miss Rodeo North Dakota. Miller recently was a top ten finalist at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant held in Las Vegas. Taylor will compete at the national level in December 2015.

For more information about the Miss Rodeo North Dakota Pageant Association or to arrange to have Taylor participate in a local rodeo or other event, visit www.missrodeond.org or call MRND Pageant Association President Leslie Stevens, phone 701-578-4953.

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