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On the Fourth of July, during the 129th Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration, Sadie Wardner was crowned Miss Rodeo Mandan 2009. In addition to winning the crown, Sadie earned both the horsemanship and personality awards. This year, Sadie will hit the rodeo road promoting the oldest rodeo in the nation. She will represent Mandan in the 2009 Miss Rodeo North Dakota Pageant.

Sadie is the daughter of Ron and Sue Wardner. Born and raised on a farm and ranch near Coleharbor, North Dakota, she has always been a cowgirl. Starting out on her pony, Silver, she eventually graduated to a big horse and began competing in 4-H. Later on Sadie became part of the North Dakota High School Rodeo Association as a competitor. She was also honored to serve as the N.D. High School Rodeo Queen in 2006.

As a student at North Dakota State University in Fargo, Sadie is pursuing on a degree in public relations and equine studies. Besides rodeo, she loves music and plays both the piano and guitar. Singing is her true passion. She also takes pleasure in swimming, dancing, meeting new people, giving riding lessons, jackpot barrel racings, and being around her family and close friends. Sadie enjoys life to the fullest, especially in a pair of boots with a horse at hand.

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Mandan Rodeo Royalty

Miss Rodeo Mandan and Miss Rodeo Mandan Princess serve as ambassadors for the Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration, the community, the sport of rodeo and the western way of life. These young ladies are available to participate in speaking engagements on behalf of the Mandan Rodeo Committee, to assist with local and regional rodeos, to help sponsors and local businesses with promotional activities, and to teach youth about rodeo and its western heritage. To invite Mandan's rodeo queen and princess to participate in your event, or to participate in the Miss Rodeo Mandan Pageant in 2009, please call Keely Spilde at 701-527-5118.

The Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration held annually over the Fourth of July offers action-packed professional rodeo performances, Art in the Park, concerts, dancing, a road race — plus the biggest and best parade and fireworks celebration in the Northern Plains! The rodeo traces its roots to 1879, when local ranchers tested their cowboy talents in an open field during an Independence Day celebration that included pony races and a baseball game. In 2006, the Mandan Rodeo was inducted into the N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame. The Mandan Rodeo was also named to "Top 100 Events in America" by North American Bus Tours Association and has been listed as one of the top 15 events in North Dakota by Governor Hoeven and the Department of Tourism.

The Mandan Rodeo Day Celebration — it's bucking brones, big bulls and barrels of fun! For more information, visit www.mandanrodeo.com.