

# HESPERIA WRANGLERS

## Rodeo Queen Pageant

Saturday, June 29  
Sunday, June 30



Charlie Cardoza

2023 Miss Hesperia Wranglers



Charlie Cardoza



Miss Hesperia Wranglers 2023



"Chase your Dreams"

# Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 29th 9:30 am.....Horsemanship Val Shearer Arena  
7500 Arrowhead Lake Rd.  
Hesperia, Ca. 92345

Immediately Following Horsemanship.....Written Test

Sunday, June 30th 9:30 am.....Interview, Speech and Modeling

Baldy Mesa School  
10376 Baldy Mesa Rd.  
Phelan, CA. 92371

***Tri-Tip Luncheon at noon***

***Coronation following the luncheon 1:00 pm***

***Celebration Cake to follow Coronation***

## **Category Awards**

Interview/Personality.....Garment Bag...So Cal Mobile Butchering  
Photogenic.....Picture Frame...Spinnin N' Winnin  
Poise/Personality/Presentation.....Hat Can...Phelan Gas Company  
Written Test.....Grooming/Accessory Bag...Herman & Charles  
Horsemanship.....Bling My Ride Bronc Halter...Victorville Motors  
Appearance.....Custom Pocket Purse.....Cowgirl Dreams n Bling

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Kerri Latham, Frank York



# Judging Guidelines

## -Pageant Judging Guidelines by Category-

### **Appearance**

1. Attractiveness with self-confidence
2. Grooming: This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail including complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a girl to be considered.
3. Photogenic Quality: Judges will conduct a review of a single 8"x10" photo that the Contestant will have submitted with her entry.
4. Posture: How a Contestant carries herself is very important. The Judges will be looking for Contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
5. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: Judges will be looking for Contestants to handle each situation in which they are involved with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for Contestants to have a substantial knowledge of proper etiquette.
6. Western Fashion Sense: Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will be paying particular attention to Contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring, appearance and eye appeal.
7. Proper fit of clothing: Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personally. Judges will be looking for a properly fitting hat that is shaped to flatter the Contestants face. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest an excessive amount of money in clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination and a Contestant's ability to carry out a "total look".
8. Knowledge of Western clothing: Contestants should be familiar with the major manufacturers and the latest trends in the western wear industry.

### **Personality**

1. Intelligence and good common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied circumstances, with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
6. Self-Projection: the ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback or appearing on stage before a crowd.
7. A happy outlook on life.
8. Promptness in keeping the pageant schedule.
9. Maturity.
10. The ability to clearly express ones educational and career goals.

### **Horsemanship**

1. Horsemanship-Control of the horse and the way the Contestant handles each situation that may occur.
2. Balance- The ability to sit steady in the saddle.
3. Position of hands, feet and seat.
4. Understanding and skill will be judged and not the horse or the equipment.
5. There will be one go round of horsemanship competition. Each Contestant will be required to execute the designated pattern for her age division. At the discretion of the judges, patterns may be altered due to the arena conditions. Any changes and /or alterations to the Horsemanship patterns will be announced to the Contestants before the horsemanship begins
6. Showmanship: How well a Contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

# Pageant Judges



Jessa Cygan

Jessa is a lifetime Southern California resident and is no stranger to the rodeo queen world having held multiple titles in her younger years.

Jessa loves giving back and wants to wish all of the contestants the best of luck and remind them to be themselves.



Kimarie Gilson

Kimarie Gilson is an accomplished rider, was born in 1955, in San Diego, California. At the age of three, she was introduced to horses at her dad's ranch in Montana. She immediately fell in love with horses and has been riding them ever since! From there, she worked the ranch, her cattle, and rode every spare moment in the mountains. Simultaneously, she also received her certificate and nursing. In 1994, she moved to California to be closer to her immediate family. After moving back, she started showing professionally in Halter, showmanship, and Western pleasure in the Appaloosa Paint circuit. She has also participated in a few rodeos, parades, was featured in the Appaloosa Journal (May 2005, Vol 59, No 5) and qualified for the 2005 world championship Appaloosa show in Fort Worth, Texas. She also won a perpetual sportsmanship award in 2011. From that time now, she has had the opportunity to have ridden in different locations around the world. Her time now is spent, relaxing and riding her mares on trail rides. She feels honored to have been chosen to be the Hesperia Wranglers rodeo queen pageant judge.



Kalyssa Martinez

Kalyssa Martinez was raised in Cherry Valley, California where she is now employed as a veterinary technician for both general practice and urgent care. She was home-schooled throughout her childhood so she could focus on all things livestock. Kalyssa was extremely active in rodeo and her local 4-H. Throughout her 4-H endeavors she traveled far and wide competing in showing horses and all livestock animals such as Hogs, dairy goats and market goats. While showing horses both Western and English, she went on to compete in both state classic as well as Denver Colorado for the National Stock Show for Public speaking. To further her advocacy in all things agriculture Kalyssa has held numerous rodeo queen titles and continues to spread the importance of agriculture, public speaking, and rodeo throughout Southern California.



Erin York

Erin York is a Lakeside California resident for 18 years where she has lived her entire life. She graduated from El Capitan High School and was part of the FFA program where she raised steers throughout the program. She has received her Global Language Leadership Program which helps young adults become bilingual and trilingual in foreign languages and is fluent in Spanish. Erin currently works for Literacy First Charter school as an Instructional Assistant where she assists students with their special needs.

She spends most of her time out on the ranch with her horse Basso every chance she gets. She enjoys competing in barrel racing, gymkhanas, and cow sorting. Erin also enjoys the river and the desert with her family and friends.

Erin started her riding career in showing in English and she also volunteered where she worked for Partners Therapeutic for two years and then realized her passion was in the Western discipline and she continues to grow her horsemanship skills and continues to work in the equine field.

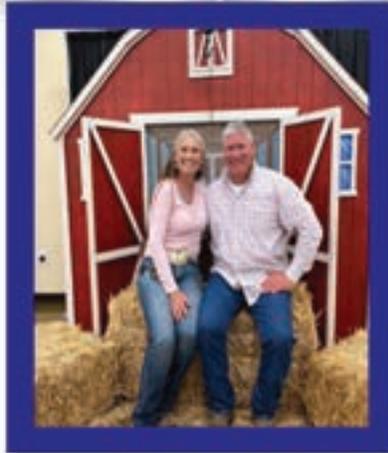
In 2022 she earned her first rodeo queen title as Jr. Miss Bulls Only Rodeo Queen where she had many opportunities to represent and fulfill her passion for the Western way a life. Erin, now has the honor to be the 2024 Miss Bulls Only Rodeo Queen and continue sharing her passion for the rodeo industry and making more friendships along the way. Erin hit the ground running and has already had numerous opportunities to attend multiple events on behalf of the Lakeside Optimist Club and the Bulls Only Rodeo.

Erin would like to leave all of the contestants with this...enjoy yourselves and best of luck to each of you.

# 2024 Hesperia Wranglers Rodeo Queen Committee



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2023-2024 Miss Hesperia Wranglers  
Rodeo Queen—Charlie Cardoza



Rodeo Queen Committee member  
Harmony Latham  
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Committee members  
not pictured:

Diane Schooff  
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 Junior Saddle.....Victorville Motors  
 Junior Saddle Stand.....Weaver Grading  
 Junior Breast Collar.....Howard & Sons Motorcycles  
 Junior Custom Camp Chair.....Daryl Finch & Kerri Latham

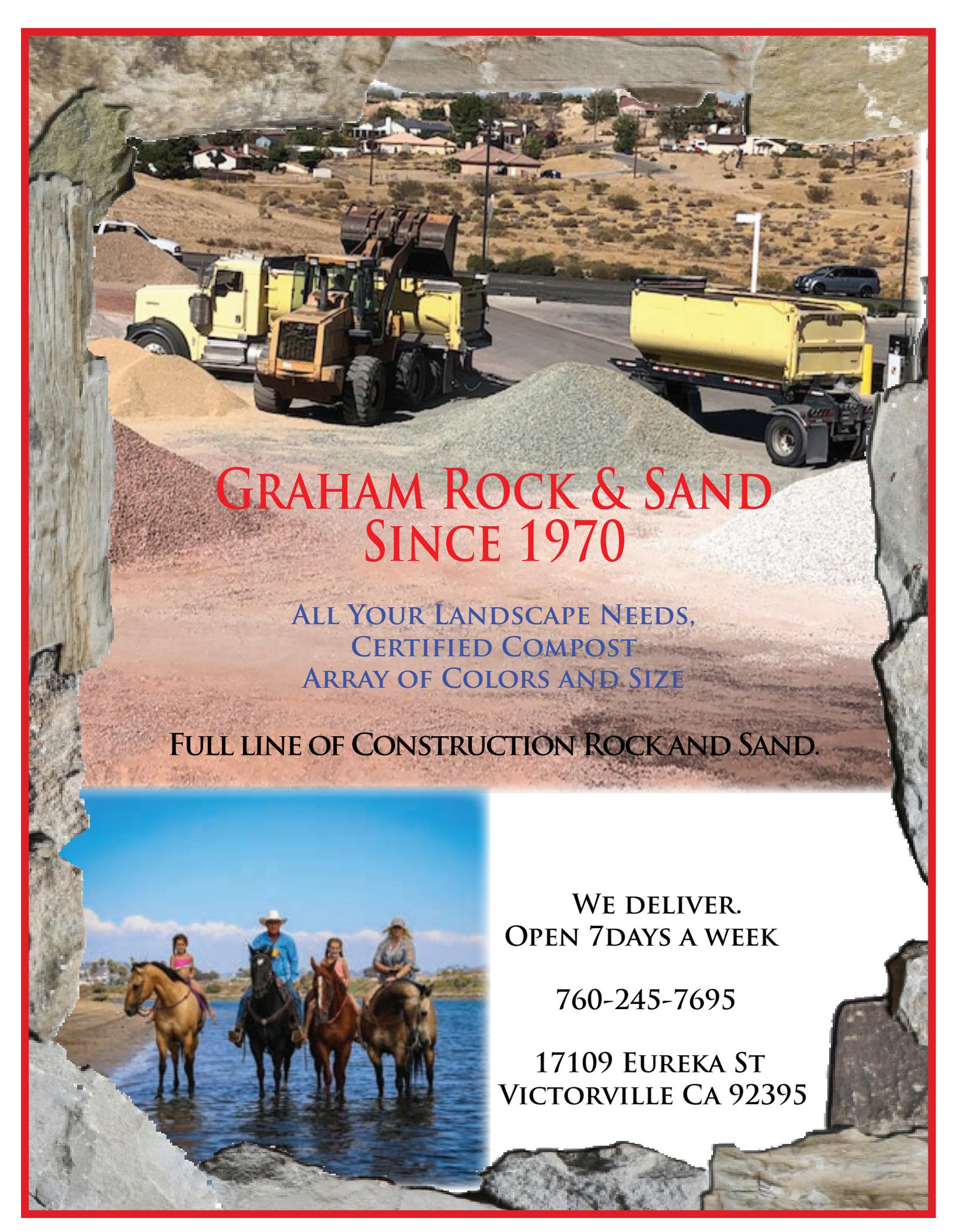
Queen Buckle.....  
 Queen Crown.....  
 Queen Saddle.....



Queen Saddle Stand.....Quannah Schuller  
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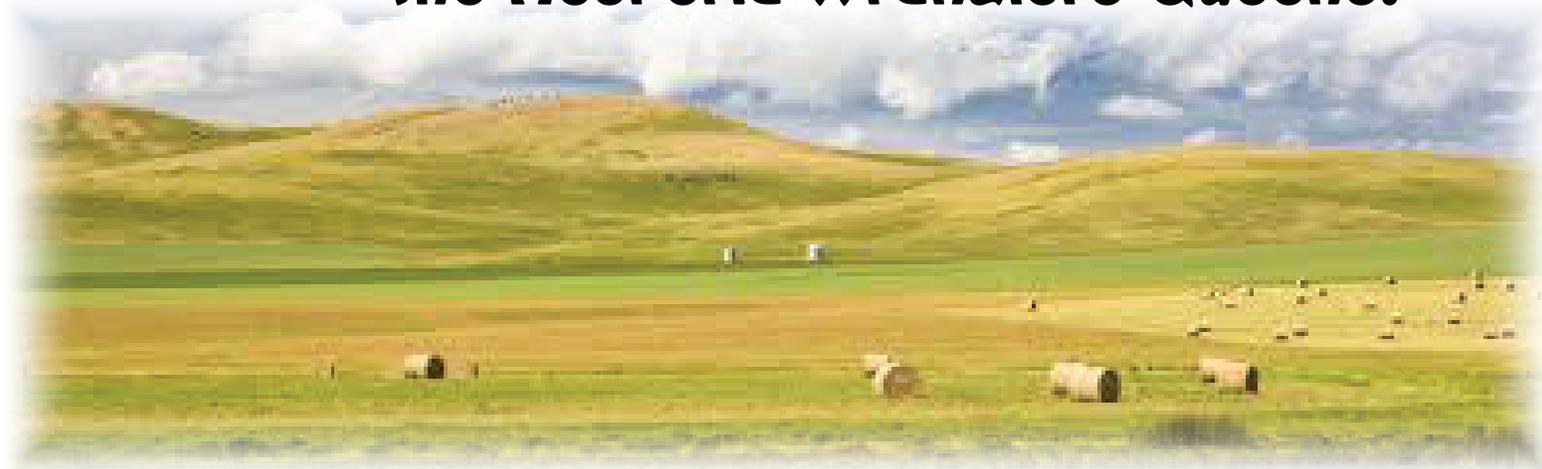
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Charlie Cardoza

Terri Nielsen

This year has been quite a journey. This is the first year I've been a rodeo queen and definitely won't forget it. I learned so much this year from getting sponsors, speaking in front of big crowds, to horse knowledge. I definitely will say the Hesperia Days Rodeo really made me feel like it was my rodeo and I wish I could go back to that moment. Everyone made me feel so special and I want to thank you all. I especially want to thank my parents for supporting me through this journey. To the next Miss Hesperia Wranglers happy trails to you and enjoy every second of this year to come.



# Miss Contestant - Angelina Gilstrap



Passionate  
Independent  
Confident



Why Would I Want to be a Hesperia Wranglers Title Holder?

I would like to be considered for a Hesperia Wranglers Title holder because my passion for the horse community will shine brightly through my attitude and can be represented through an opportunity to learn and grow with other girls. I have loved horses since I was younger. Just like every other girl I begged my dad for a pony at the young age of 5 and ever since I've been fascinated with the cowgirl lifestyle. I thoroughly enjoy socializing with other people and participating in horse community events. I would represent well through my kind hearted, and hardworking personality. I have impeccable time management and handle difficult situations well. I would love to be a part of something and serve something that I am passionate about.

Angelina Gilstrap

# Miss Contestant - Leanne Domingo



Passionate  
Independent  
Confident



By having this opportunity of becoming the next possible Miss Hesperia Wranglers Queen would be the opportunity of a lifetime. With a big title comes great responsibilities, which I would uphold to the best of my abilities. To ensure I can leave a good example for the future generations to come. As well as being a good role model for not only the club and for future generations of cowboys and cowgirls but to the girls who look like me. By receiving this title I could show girls that it's not necessarily beauty that wins you titles but the hard work, dedication, and persistence that get you where you want to be. After all "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder"- Oliver Platt.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leanne Domingo".

# 2023 Jr Miss Hesperia Wranglers



*Elizabeth Robinson*

This year was tough, it was busy but it was great. I enjoyed this year more than any. This year had some spunk in it, it was challenging but everyone has to face a challenge, right? One of my favorite memories from this year was actually probably the pageant because I got to laugh a "bit" with my friend Ellie. I had a great time at the pageant and at all the rodeos. This was my horse, Butterscotch's, last time doing queens or being ridden in general, I know he had a great last year and so did I.

I am so thankful to find out about queening and the gymkhana and to meet all the amazing people including, Carol, Tonii, Tim, Summer, and many more. I am thankful for these people not only for their amazing personalities and their abilities to put on a show but for their generous actions toward me and my horses.

I hope that to whoever gets my title gets to enjoy it as much as I did and maybe make it a life memory.

Love always,  
your 2023-2024 Jr. Miss Hesperia Wranglers- Elizabeth Robinson



# Junior Miss Contestant Noelle Meza



Funny  
Smart  
Talkative



My name is Noelle Meza, and I am applying to run for Hesperia Wranglers Jr. Miss. Being a Hesperia Wranglers title holder is an opportunity I would be honored to have. There are several reasons why I would like to be part of this amazing organization. First, being a Hesperia Wranglers title holder, I could share my love of this sport with others while promoting the values and traditions that are important to the rodeo community. Second, it would provide me a platform to make a difference in my community through various service projects and be a role model for other, especially young girls who may look up to me. Third, it would allow me to develop important life skills such as public speaking, leadership, and time management. I could enhance these skills through different activities and engagements. Lastly, I would be able to form lifelong friendships and unforgettable experiences. The memories and friendships made during this journey will be cherished forever. Becoming a Hesperia Wranglers title holder would be a dream come true, and I am ready to embrace the responsibilities and challenges that come with being a title holder. I would represent Hesperia Wranglers with pride and dedication.

*Noelle Meza*

# Junior Miss Contestant- Karalyn Howard



Fun-Loving  
Creative  
Funny



Hello, my name is Karalyn Howard and I would love to be the Junior Miss Hesperia Wranglers title holder for a lot of different reasons. I would like to be the Hesperia Wranglers Junior Miss Queen because I enjoy meeting people and making new friends. I enjoy people that share similar interests to my own.

I have dreamed about being a rodeo queen and I am here to pursue my dream. I would be proud to serve as the Hesperia Wranglers Junior Miss Queen and I will do my best to bring honor to the Hesperia Wranglers and my sponsors. My horse Phoenix and I would love to represent the Hesperia Wranglers and my sponsors in parades and rodeos. I believe it will help us grow as a team. Phoenix and I have a special bond. He was rescued and adopted, just like me. When I was three days old my birth mother gave me away to one of her druggie friends. My father was always in and out of jail and was never a part of my life.

My life is good, my grandparents adopted me. They taught me the western way of life. I am so grateful and blessed. I love God, my country and my heritage.

*Karalyn Howard*

# Junior Miss Contestant- Lillynn Warman



Confident  
Generous  
Motivated

I would like to compete and run for the 2024-2025 Junior Miss Hesperia Wranglers because I really enjoyed being a Queen. In 2020 I was crowned Hesperia Wranglers Young Miss and it was such a fun and rewarding experience. It really opened me up in so many ways and I was able to not only meet new people but I was able to make new friends along the way too. Being a Queen taught me a lot of self-discipline, communication skills, and horsemanship. It taught me to be the best I can be, not only for myself but also to represent such an outstanding organization and group. I hope I get the privilege of becoming the next Junior Miss Hesperia Wranglers and ride in the beautiful trophy saddle.

Lillynn  
Warman



Happy Trails



# Young Miss Contestant- Shea Schwinning



There are many different reasons I think I would be a great part of the Hesperia Wranglers queen court. The Hesperia Wranglers royalty must be a good role model for the rodeo participants and spectators. I believe I'm a very good role model and I'm very responsible. I enjoy riding and growing with my horse, I also want to make more friends and step out of my comfort zone and holding a title would do that. Writing and presenting a speech is something that I don't enjoy but it will help me with my public speaking fear.

I'm very excited to run for Young Miss Hesperia Wranglers and all of the opportunities I would have.

Shea  
Schwinning

# Young Miss Contestant- Kallynn Stallings



Intelligent  
Confident  
Caring



I would like to be Young Miss Hesperia Wranglers for the 2024-2025 season because it's always been a dream of mine ever since I was six years old. I competed for my first Queens title in 2019 and got crowned the Petite Miss Hesperia Wranglers for the 2019-2020 season. I had the best time doing Queens! I got to meet and make new friends, I got to ride in parades and carry flags, and I also got to ride in different rodeo's representing such an amazing group. I made so many great memories, got to wear so many amazing handmade outfits, and be surrounded by inspiring and uplifting people. I'm excited to compete for the title again this year and hope that I can be the next Young Miss Hesperia Wranglers!

*Kallynn  
Stallings*

# 2023 Petite Miss Hesperia Wranglers



*Kayleigh Collins*

My name is Kayleigh May Collins, and I held the title of 2023-2024 Petite Miss Hesperia Wranglers. I loved showing other little girls the amazing benefits of being a rodeo queen. I strived to always show my best horsemanship skills and attitude. I loved holding the title of Tiny Miss Hesperia Wranglers two years ago, and now, holding the Petite Miss title, I still can't get enough of the excitement. Holding a title means the world to me, allowing me to experience things I thought could only happen in dreams. Not only did I get to hold another title with this group, but I also won the Most Improved Rider award because of this title, pushing myself more than ever to improve my skills as a horsewoman.

Saying goodbye to a best friend and partner, especially one as special as a pony, can be incredibly difficult. Here's a short farewell: To the best pony in the world, my faithful companion and partner. As we part ways, know that you've left hoofprints on my heart that will never fade. Thank you for your unwavering friendship, your gentle spirit, and the countless memories we've shared. Though our paths diverge now, you'll forever hold a cherished place in my soul. Goodbye, my dear friend. Until we meet again, run free and know you're deeply loved. You are now a true unicorn, Bella the wonder pony, I Love you!!!

Until next time, Hesperia Wranglers queens!



# Petite Miss Contestant- Sage Halterman



Smart  
Caring  
Adventurous

I would like to be the Hesperia Wranglers Petite Miss because I get the opportunity to do something not everyone gets to do so it's cool to get to experience something like that. I want to do it because I like getting to spend time with my horse, family, and getting to be a rodeo queen. Even though it is cool to be able to have fans, that's not what it's all about, it's about having fun and getting to grow with your horse.

Sage

# Petite Miss Contestant- Annabelle Diaz



I would like to be a Hesperia Wranglers title holder because I like to ride horses, and have always dreamt of becoming a rodeo queen. I would like to be a role model to other kids who want to be a rodeo queen, as another rodeo queen inspired me. I would like to represent the Hesperia Wranglers, as my mom has shared many of her childhood memories with me when she rode for Hesperia Wranglers, and ran for Petite rodeo queen. Which is the division I am running for. I feel from my knowledge, that has been shared with me and seeing for myself Hesperia Wranglers, the committee and the community, are a great group of people I would have the honor to represent.

Annabelle  
Lee Diaz

# 2023 Hesperia Wranglers Sweetheart



Hello,

My name is Braylie Dutton and I am the 2023-2024 Hesperia Wranglers Sweetheart. Being a rodeo queen has been so much fun and I have learned so many wonderful life lessons. Being a queen taught me teamwork, public interaction and self-presentation. I want to say a huge thank you to my mom for always getting me where I needed to be and being my biggest supporter, my step daddy for all the pep talks and helping me become a better person, my mom's friend Neila and Jim for my wonderful horse Minnie that carried me through all my big events and gave me the best first rodeo queen experience ever! I owe a huge thank you to Tim and Tonii for seeing the best in me and never giving up on me. I'm so excited to see what the rodeo future will look like for me.

Happy Trails,  
Braylie Dutton



# 2023 Hesperia Wranglers Sweetheart



*Savannah King*



I will always remember being the Hesperia Wranglers Sweetheart! I learned how to speak in front of crowds, dress for each occasion, and be an example of the Western Way. Thank you to Tonii and Grandma Diane for all they do! Thank you to my sponsors for helping and to the other queens who became my friends. Thank you to my family for always believing in me.

Be Kind to one another Ephesians 4:32

~Savannah Jean King



# Sweetheart Contestant

## Sophia Acala-Dominguez



Unique  
Confident  
Adventurous

I want to be a rodeo queen because I like to wear cute stuff. I want to wear pretty dresses and crowns and boots and ride my horse.

Sophia

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# Congratulations

## Hesperia Wranglers 2024 Royalty

Sweetheart: \_\_\_\_\_

Petite Miss: \_\_\_\_\_

Petite Princess: \_\_\_\_\_

Young Miss: \_\_\_\_\_

Young Princess: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Miss: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Princess: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Princess: \_\_\_\_\_

QUEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

Queen- Princess: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Appearance Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Horsemanship Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Personality Award: \_\_\_\_\_

# Miss Hesperia Wranglers - Our History



Charlie Cardoza-2023

As you can see we are missing several of the past Queens photos!!!  
 If you know any of these ladies please have them contact Tonii so we can add them to the book...  
 If you don't like the picture we have please submit one that you like  
 and we will update the book for next year...



Sydney Webb-2022



Lexus Hampton-2021



Lexi Specchio-2020



Molly Ahern-2019



Haley Brown-2018



Lauren Lightcap-2017



Haley McCaulley-2016



Julia Tate-2015



Sara McClaine-2014



Harmony Latham-2013



Quannah Schuller-2012



Amy Nix-Craft 2011



Jaime Wendt-2010



Danielle Williams-2009



Amanda Garland-2008



Jennifer Barnes-2007



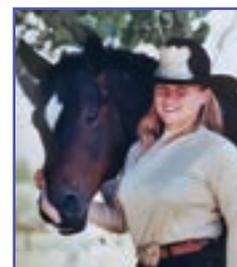
Ashton Wilcox-Hutton-2006



Robin Mickels-2005



Melissa Seaman-2004



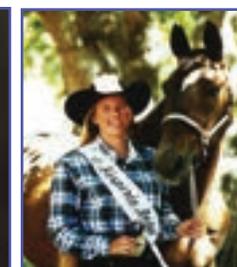
Jessica Henson-Fenstermaker-2003



Christina Vincente-2002



Jennifer Fenstermaker-2001



Sara Johnston Newham-2000



Beth Edmunds-1999



Selena McGuire-1998



Melissa Lourenco-1996



Maegan Chapman-1995



Nicole Patterson-1994



Tonii Ventimiglia-1993



Kim Jackson-1992



Kim Harrison- 1991



Lorinda Graham VanNewkirk- 1990



Krista Newland- 1989



Janae Bowman Young-1988



Senice Newland-Sommer 1987



Carrie Floyd- 1986



DeeDee Jensen- 1985



Paula Foster- 1984



Andie Long-Walker- 1983



Debbie Closson Bowers- 1982



Lettie Hess-Reich- 1981



Mari Long-Abdu- 1980



Robbie Brock Allgood- 1979



Sonya Boyd- 1978



Teri Hughes- 1977



Liz Akin-Pena- 1976



Diana Brewster Martin- 1975



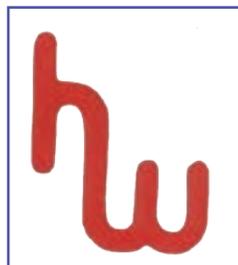
Betty Jean Rollins- 1974



Kara G. Krig- 1973



Eileen Moffet- 1972



Jerry January- 1971



Kathy Conway- 1970



Patti Carpenter- 1969



Candilee Vanderpool- 1968



Lorna Stewart- 1967



Judy Landford Borkman- 1966



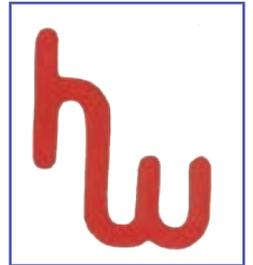
Rhonda Brokaw- 1965



Christine Toppenberg- 1964



Charlene Shearer- 1963



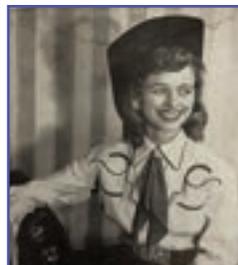
Betty Lucas- 1962



Diane Everson- 1960



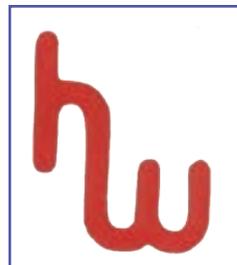
Cathleen Colby- 1959



Mona Sue Burt- 1958



Arlene Pittinger- 1957



Margie Marshall- 1956



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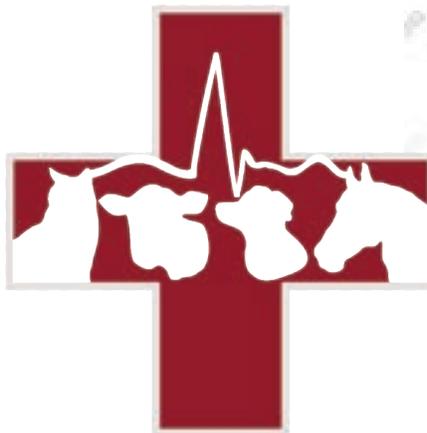
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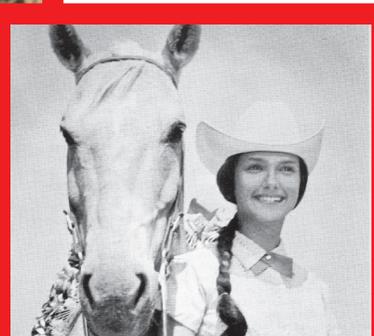
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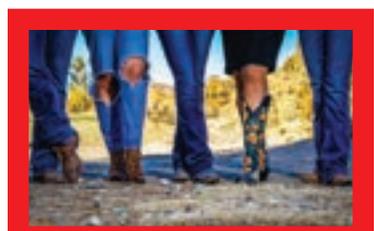
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# Queen History



1965 Hesperia Days Rodeo Queen Rhonda Brokaw and her palomino quarter horse, "Chappo Hancock." Rhonda named queen by 64 Queen Chris Toppenberg, at the Hesperia Horse Show. She will reign over the week-end activities including riding in the big parade and Grand Entry.

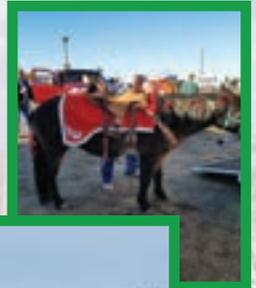


TEN PAST HESPERIA WRANGLER RODEO QUEENS were introduced to the crowd at the Wrangler Gymnasium, June 29. Leona Stewart, herself a past rodeo queen, spearheaded the effort to get as many of the past queens together for the Hesperia Days Celebration this year. Getting together for the occasion this year were Cathleen Colby Wall (1961), Evrene DeVore (1960), Chris Toppenberg (1964), Judy Lanford Burkman (1966), Leona Bark Stewart (1967), Sara (1972) and Senta Bond (1978). Betty Barklin (1974) was unable to be there Friday night but made it to the rodeo later. Bobbie Brock was selected as this year's Wrangler Rodeo Queen in May. Pictured are, left to right: Senta Bond, Leona Stewart, Judy Burkman, Chris Toppenberg, Diana DeVore and Cathleen Wall.



# "Bella"

In loving memory of our dear friend, Carol's, beloved wonder pony Bella. Bella carried countless riders through the journey of learning and taught them the true essence of being great equestrians. With each gentle step and patient nudge, she instilled confidence, grace, and respect for the bond between horse and rider. Her legacy will forever gallop in the hearts of those she guided, reminding us of the profound lessons learned in the saddle. Rest peacefully, dear friend, knowing your hoofprints will forever mark the paths of aspiring riders, forever shaping their journey with your wisdom and grace.





**Dates:** Saturday, September 21, 2024 and Sunday, September 22, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 pm Gates open at 12:00 noon

**Tickets:** Adults/over 2 yrs old \$20.00 Children Under 2 yrs old free

**Tickets can be purchased at:** Hesperia Recreation & Park District and  
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**Free Country Music Concert -Friday September 20, 2024**

**Gates open at 5:00 pm concerts starts at 8:00 pm**

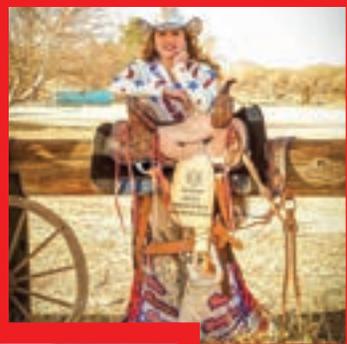
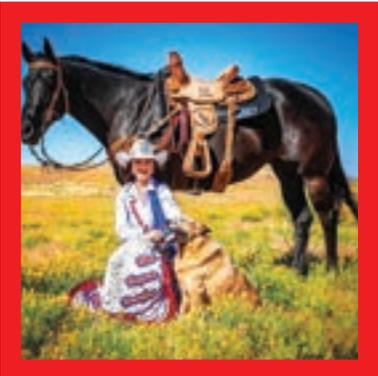
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# A Note from Our Coordinator

Watching each of these 10 young ladies grow since entering the pageant has reminded me why the decision to step from the boots of a contestant into those of a coordinator 13 years ago wasn't that hard and thankfully my mom was right there to help me along with many other ladies. Making a difference in a young ladies life is one of the most important things we can do as an adult. I want each of these girls to have the opportunities that I was blessed with by so many wonderful folks when I was a young girl finding my way in the Hesperia Wranglers organization, not just as a queen contestant but as an equestrian. Charlie- thank you for representing the Hesperia Wranglers and Hesperia Days Rodeo so well. You jumped in with both feet, carried our American flag proudly each and every time, definitely did not shy away from the hard work when you were visiting royalty and you and your court even braved a hurricane with a smile on your faces. To our entire 2023-2024 court... I know you will go far in life, keep smiling and best of luck to each of you as you chase your dreams.

To the families of our 2023-2024 Queen's court - I'd like to thank all of y'all for the countless events y'all went to, including the hurricane, the support y'all gave to not only your own daughter but all of the girls is invaluable.

To our entire committee- THANK YOU really doesn't really cover it but I am beyond blessed to have each of y'all in my life. The saying that "it takes a village" isn't really accurate because I do believe that "It Takes a Barn" full of amazing people to put this all together. I am beyond proud of how our past queens, and their families, not only give back to the Hesperia Wranglers Queen program but to this organization and community. These ladies, don't hear it enough so thank you to my mom (Diane Schooff/Grammy), Quannah Schuller, Virginia Wilson, Harmony Latham, Kerri Latham, Coby Webb, Sydney Webb, Charlie Cardoza and Kristi Cardoza. Each of these ladies continue to tirelessly give of themselves.

Thank you to the Hesperia Wranglers of the past that instilled so many great memories and lessons over the years. It has been an honor and a privilege to have gone from being your rodeo queen to helping to keep the Hesperia Wranglers Queens alive while waiting for the Hesperia Days Rodeo to come back around. And a huge amount of thanks to all of our members and queens courts for the last 13 years for your support keeping the Hesperia Wranglers Queens in the public eye.

Thank you to Billy Mack, Kevin Smilen and the rest of our Victorville Motors family for helping all of our girls "Chase their dreams" and helping us make the dream of bringing the Hesperia Days Rodeo back to life.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Tim for jumping into all of this without any hesitation, you have gone from helping me run after a group of girls to being the Hesperia Wranglers President for 10 years running, but most of all you have stood by my side through thick and thin. You always make sure that these girls or me always have what we need, whether it's a bottle of water, a jacket when it's cold or a truck to haul their trailer or a shoulder for me to lean on, THANK YOU for being there.

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