**INFORMATIVE SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone.... I have a question for you. What is five feet eight inches tall (**please change to your correct height**), able to rope and ride with the best of them (**or name two of your outstanding rodeo skills**), and is more excited than a ferocious **ONE TON** bucking bull at the thought of the chance to represent the very proud city of Spanish Forks Utah at this year’s star studded, event packed 76th Annual Fiesta Days Rodeo? My name is Sydney McManus, and if you guessed me (**point to the tip of your nose with your index finger**), you’d be **RIGHT**.... on the **NOSE**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Let’s face it, who **WOULDN’T** want to be Rodeo Queen for this epic and celebrated tradition? (**You can say**) This event has a record breaking history of **FORTY-EIGHT YEARS** of **consecutive sellouts**!!! How **ELSE** am I going to get in??? (**Wait for the laugh**). For the past **SEVENTY-FIVE** years, Spanish Fork has set the bar **VERY** high in terms of creating and celebrating the time honored tradition of rodeo while providing unparalleled newness and energy as each year passes, and that gives us the best of both worlds. This is the **PREMIER** attended rodeo in the state of Utah and is a gold member million dollar tour for the most skilled and fearless cowboys and cowgirls this state has to offer. It is a showcase that sponsors, participants, and spectators truly look forward to, and all enjoy partaking in the excitement offered... it is the **HIGHLIGHT** of the year and has been for **GENERATIONS**!

Just ask the sponsors like Drain Surgeons and Mountain View Hospital, Wiggy Wash, and the Daily Herald.... I’d name them all but I’ve been given only **TWO MINUTES** to speak.... and let’s face it... **EVERYONE** wants to sponsor this **WORLD CLASS** event!! ... and I’m **NOT** clowning around.... I’ll leave that to Justin Mumford, 2017 Clown of the Year!!! (**Say this with lots of enthusiasm and wait for the laugh**).

City folk may talk about “being at the end of one’s rope” like it’s a bad thing.... but to me, and all of us that truly love the thought of being part of such an amazing community, we come **ALIVE**. ... (**Do you want to add**) ... And I’m **NOT** just **HORSING AROUND**!!! (**And wait for the laugh**)

Every day I learn something new thanks to my love of the rodeo.... It’s been said, “We ride to fly... We ride to feel...to overcome... to face our fears... to honor our heritage... to push ourselves... to experience and be a part of a community that sets the bar for **EXCELLENCE**.... **COURAGE**... **THRILLS**... **SKILL**... we ride and rope and rodeo to **SOAR**...” I would be so honored to represent the city of Spanish Fork as **YOUR** Rodeo Queen for 2018. Thank you all... and see you at the gate!!