

Princess Amanda Branstetter

Being born and raised in Grant County, it is an honor to serve as the Grant County Fair and Rodeo Princess for 2010.

My name is Amanda Branstetter, and I have been around this beautiful county for 17 years. I am a junior at Grant Union High School where I participate in basketball, softball, FFA and a member of the National Honor Society. I have received my State Degree in FFA, which is the highest level of recognition the state can give to an FFA member. I show a Red Angus steer, from our family ranch, every year at the Fair for FFA.

After high school, I would like to pursue Agriculture Business. My parents Stan and Mary Branstetter are always supportive. My older brothers Ward, 21, and Niles, 19, have enough constructive criticism to go around.

I am the 5th generation of a ranching family in Grant County. My mother, being a Sproul, carried down the family name from Ira Sproul, her great-grandfather, who came to Grant County during the Gold Rush. Representing the Fair and Rodeo runs in the family. My aunt, Nancy Sproul, was the Queen in 1977 and my cousin, Jamie Sproul, was Princess in 1994.

Getting through the tryouts takes more than a good smile, personality, and a go-getter attitude, it takes a good sidekick. My horse is a 15 year old Quarter horse who does it all. Whether it's running a grand entry or working cattle, my little bay mare, Ruby gets the job done and looks classy while she does it. Trained by my father, she was brought up to never give up and this shows in her every move. A 17 year old could not ask for a better horse to be brought up with and to take along for the rodeo royalty experience.

My fellow court members, Queen Vanessa Hamsher and Princess Sierra Burton, will make the experience memorable. I look forward to spending the rest of the year traveling with Vanessa and Sierra to fairs, parades, rodeos, and events, representing our beautiful county.

Hope to see you all at the Grant County Fair in August!



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