

Karolyn Matthies hangs her hat in Longmont, Colorado where she is a sophomore at Niwot High School. Here she is a member of the advanced women's choir known as Sedalia, and will be participating in district honor choir later this year. Karolyn's love for horses and other animals began at a very young age on a small ranch owned by her grandparents. In addition to working with her own horses, she recently began giving riding lessons and training horses in her free time. Karolyn is a Level 2 rider in English, Western, and Ranch Riding. Although her focus is on reining, rodeo has become increasingly prominent in Karolyn's life as she's taken an interest in roping. As a 6-year member of Blazing Saddles 4-H club, she has learned many things about livestock and the role that rodeo plays in her community. Besides being involved in school and 4-H events, Karolyn also enjoys getting to know people in her community through volunteer work at the Balfour Senior Living Center and through Boulder County Royalty. She loves helping out wherever she can, whether it's at a community gathering or around the farm. Karolyn loves nature, rodeo, and her community and hopes to preserve these things for future generations. She has looked up to the royalty court as role models for many years and hopes to set this same example of leadership for more young girls as one of the 2020 Boulder County Fair and Rodeo Ashley's Princesses.