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(Neb.)-Chadron-Area Grandparents Tickled By Granddaughter's Pageant Success

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(CHADRON)-As grandparents, Chadron area residents Norm and Jan Richardson, Vena Ahrens (Aarons), Ansel Woodward, and Sandy Richardson have something to crow about. Their granddaughter, Whitney Woodward, has been chosen as a state finalist for the National American Miss Missouri pageant. Woodward, who attends high school in Stanberry, Mo., will compete in the pageant August 4th-5th in Columbia.

Contestants are judged in four categories: interview, community involvement, a personal introduction, and formal wear. Woodward's mother, Crystal Smith, said that those categories are why she likes the pageant. "I think it is a neat program because it is not based on looks," Smith said. "They tell contestants 'if your grandpa is not going to like what you're wearing, we are not going to like it.'"

Woodward plans to attend the University of Missouri after high school and pursue a career in the medical field.

If Woodward wins the pageant, she will receive a $1,000 cash award as well as the official crown and banner, air transportation to California to the national pageant, a tour of Hollywood, and two tickets to Disneyland.

Woodward is visiting family this weekend during Fur Trade Days, and her Grandpa Ansel proudly touts that she will be flinging buffalo chips with the best of them at the World Championship Buffalo Chip throw taking place at 1:00 p.m. Saturday on the courthouse lawn.

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