

### **2011 Days of '47 Queen Courtney Curtis**

Courtney is a student of BYU Hawaii and is working toward a degree in Sports Broadcasting.

She graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City where she served in many leadership positions including as a student body officer, Service Club Vice President, and Ensemble Choir and Dance Company officer. Courtney was the recipient of the Madeline Lee Hales Scholarship, the David O. McKay Scholarship and was a 3-year member of the National Honor Society.

Courtney has a combined 20 years in voice and dance training and she plays the violin, piano and guitar. She is also a sports enthusiast. Whenever possible, she plays golf and soccer. She loves to hit the slopes of the Wasatch Mountains to enjoy some of the greatest snow on earth! Courtney also loves to run for a good cause and has laced up her running shoes for breast cancer and diabetes awareness events. She loves to cook and one of her favorite things to make is her dad's "Secret Recipe Chocolate Chip Cookies." She enjoyed serving as a volunteer at This Is The Place Heritage Park.

Courtney is proud to be the descendant of several Utah pioneers including Parley P. Pratt, George A. Smith and John D. and Hannah Bowen Evans Giles. She is honored to represent the founding heritage and pioneer spirit of our great State of Utah.

### **2011 Days of '47 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant is Ashley Rebekah Kearl**

Ashley is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health. She completed an internship with U.S. AID in Cambodia in 2010.

She graduated with Honors from East High School where she was a Regional Sterling Scholar in Family Consumer Science. She also earned the U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar Award and the National Society of High School Scholars award.

Ashley is classically trained in the piano and cello, as well as various dance forms including ballet, modern, jazz and tap. Ashley is a Certified Nurse Assistant and ultimately plans to become a public health nurse. Ashley is very involved in public speaking and gives presentations to youth and women's groups about body image and self acceptance. She volunteered as an instructor of the Tobacco Cessation Course through the Utah Valley Health Department. She loves traveling and

said New Zealand is the most beautiful place she has visited.

Ashley is proud of Utah's pioneer spirit and is grateful to be a part of her ancestors' legacy. She is a descendant of James Kearl who left England in 1854 to settle the Grantsville and Bear Lake regions of northern Utah, as well as Levi Hamilton McCullough, a member of the Mormon Battalion.

### **2011 Days of '47 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant is Megan Howell**

Megan attends Brigham Young University where she is studying Mathematics and Finance. She plans to graduate with a degree in Mathematics and will study abroad in Jerusalem.

She graduated from Lone Peak High School with High Honors and was a member of student government. Megan was selected from thousands of nationwide applications as the student anchor on Channel One Network News. She took advanced placement courses in Calculus, Psychology, Literature and Composition.

Megan was a weekly volunteer at Utah State Development Center as the music director for handicapped residents. She also coached the Community Rec Center's youth cheer and gymnastics team. As a former varsity cheerleader, Megan is very involved in fitness. She loves running, tumbling and outdoor adventure.

She also enjoys baking desserts and sewing. Growing up, Megan loved dressing up as a pioneer with her family and participating in her Grandma's "homespun" pioneer-wear fashion shows. Megan has a deep love for her pioneer ancestors -- Jesse Carter Little and Thomas Jefferson Thurston.