

# Miss Littlerock rules AV

## Town's queen takes crown 2nd year in row

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LITTLEROCK - Kelsey David, Miss Antelope Valley 2007, has the community queen crowd seeing double - it's the second year in a row that Miss Littlerock won the Miss Antelope Valley crown.

Miss Antelope Valley 2006 and Miss Littlerock 2006 was Dorothy Roe, a student in her second year at California State University, Northridge.

At the Miss Antelope Valley Pageant, conducted Aug. 4 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Roe opened the envelope revealing David the winner and hesitated only briefly before placing the crown on David's head.

However, David didn't react until she heard her name, and even then it took a moment to sink in. David covered her face with her hands and leaned forward in shocked reaction, leaving her crown behind in Roe's hands.

Roe hugged David from behind, all the while trying to show her the crown. Once David regained her composure, Roe again placed the crown on David's head. This time it stayed right where she put it.

A 16-year-old senior at Littlerock High School, David, the daughter of Lynn and Mark David, is the third Miss Littlerock in five years chosen as Miss Antelope Valley. In 2003, Jennifer Verseput claimed the title.

"I have never done something like this before," David said. "It's my first time in a pageant of any kind. No Little Miss, no Junior Miss, my first time."

During the pageant, the community queens were required to perform a commercial about a charitable group from the Antelope Valley chosen randomly. David talked about the Assistance League of the Antelope Valley. She came out on stage in a Superman costume.

"I had talked to people at the Assistance League, I read their brochures, and I went online," David said. "But I wanted to dress in something unusual, something that would really bring attention to what I was talking about."

"That's when I thought I could be a superhero. My superpower would be my education because the Assistance League helps preschool children get ready for going to school and doing well in school once they get there."

David is the Associated Student Body president at Littlerock High School for the 2007-08 school year. Last school year she was the ASB vice president. A member of the school's golf team, she also is a member of the school's chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions and heads the club's "Every 15 Minutes" program.

David's dad feels his youngest of three daughters will be a good Miss Antelope Valley.

"She gets along with everyone. She's really kind and caring. Very compassionate," he said. "Kelsey is knowledgeable but still innocently naive."

"She also has a great sense of humor and enjoys plays on words and one-liners. When she gets together with her sisters (Kyla and Challen) it's like the Three Stooges or the Marx Brothers got together once again."

"Anything I do with my sisters, I'm having fun," David said. "We can get pretty loud, though, but it's because we're having fun."

So how did David fare in the interview portion of the pageant competition with the Tournament of Roses Parade judges?

"I think the interview part was pretty easy because I like to talk," she said with a knowing smile. "I didn't fake anything. I was natural. I just wanted to be me."

"I kept the judges laughing the whole time. I didn't know if that would hurt me or help me. I guess it helped."

David volunteers at Antelope Valley Hospital, usually in progressive care or the intensive care unit, and in the nursery at Desert Vineyard Church. She plans to attend college at the University of California, Los Angeles, or San Diego State en route to becoming a nurse practitioner.

She said she's looking forward to her duties at the fair but laments taking an afternoon class at Antelope Valley College two days a week that will force her to miss some time at the fair.

"I'm going to miss greeting people when the fair opens those days," David said. "I'm a people person, and I love meeting people. So the fair is going to be great."

She's also looking forward to representing Littlerock and the Antelope Valley at a wealth of events in the coming year.

"I don't even mind ribbon-cuttings. There aren't too many of them in Littlerock," David

quipped.

David said among her likes are her cat, Merlin; reading (cultural biographies); listening to music (country, Christian and hip-hop); pink and purple; stuffed bell peppers, shrimp scampi, ice cream (any flavor); going to the beach, the theater, the opera; and of course, shopping.

And true to her free spirit, David admitted she doesn't like the "pageant wave."

"I like a more friendly wave, a people wave," she said.

"I want a connection with the people I'm waving to."

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