

2000 Fair Queens Pageant

The 2000 edition of the Colorado County Fair will get underway with the 22nd annual Fair Queens Pageant to be held Saturday, September 9, at the Columbus High School Auditorium. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with the Junior Queen Contest, followed by the Queens Pageant immediately after. On hand to crown their successors will be reigning 1999 Fair Queen Lora Weishuhn, daughter of Glenn and Cindy Weishuhn of Columbus and 1999 Junior Queen Kasey Hayward, daughter of Deborah Hayward of Weimar. The new Fair Queens will be chosen from a field of 18 young ladies who have entered from across the county.

The Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen will both be chosen by a panel of out-of-county judges. The Fair Queen will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. Both young ladies will take part in activities during the 2000 Fair and will represent the Fair Association by riding the fair float in area parades throughout the year.

Carl Geisler of Columbus will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Music at the piano will be provided by Paige Helms of Columbus. Luane Schindler of Columbus has arranged for several entertainers to perform during the evening. Members of the Queens Pageant Committee include Pamela Potter and Tracy Olivarez of Columbus, Deborah Hayward of Weimar and Diana Brunner of Eagle Lake. Steven Meinecke of Eagle Lake and Beverly Tuck of Columbus will head up the decorating committee. The theme for this year's pageant will be "Stepping Into the New Millennium".

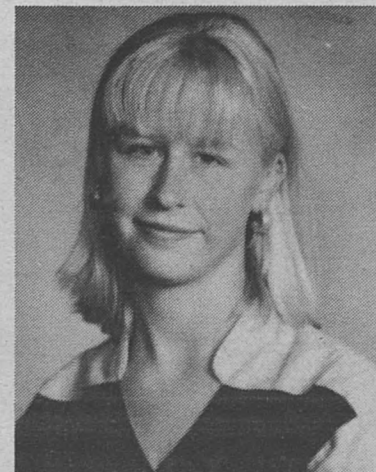
The public is invited out Saturday evening to see which of the following young ladies will take home the titles for 2000: from the Columbus area, for Queen, Alisha Poncik, daughter of Jimmie and Tammy Poncik, sponsor Jimmie's All Around Carpenter Work; Kaylee Robinson, daughter of Mark and Sandra Robinson, sponsor Potter's Western Store; Brandy Tuck, daughter of Travis and Beverly Tuck, sponsor Columbus Chamber of Commerce; for Junior Queen, Kelsey Aschenbeck, daughter of Ronnie and Dawn Aschenbeck, sponsor Kevin D. Ruether Contractor; Megan Bloecher, daughter of Gerald and Sharon Bloecher, sponsor Columbus Auto Upholstery; Megan Hoyer, daughter of Randy and Mary K. Hoyer, sponsor Hot Shots Photography; April Linkhart, daughter of Dean and Ruthie Linkhart, sponsor Class Concrete Corporation; Christi Morgan, daughter of Charles and Della Morgan, sponsor Leyco Real Estate; Clarissa Rollins, daughter of Gregory and Juana Rollins, sponsor J&G Trucking; from the Frelsburg/New Ulm area, for Queen, Stacy Markwardt, daughter of Steven and Lucy Markwardt, sponsor Hullabaloo Farm; for Junior Queen, Kayla Pfeffer, daughter of Darrell and Janis Pfeffer, sponsor The Hair Studio; Christine Wostarek, daughter of Mike and Dorothy Wostarek, sponsor Classic Cuts; from the Eagle Lake area, for Queen, Jessica Thomas, daughter of Michael and Sherry Thomas, sponsor Eagle Lake Dental Clinic; for Junior Queen, Katlyn Thomas, daughter of Michael and Sherry Thomas, sponsor Eagle Lake Dairy Delite; from the Weimar area, for Queen, Kelli Grunewald, daughter of Raymond and Evelyn Grunewald, sponsor Ken Kram - State Farm; Lacey Hinze, daughter of Lonnie Hinze and Marilyn Hinze, sponsor The Toddler House; for Junior Queen, Leigh Berger, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Jane Berger, sponsor Prime Industries, Inc.; Terri Prihoda, daughter of Raymond and Sherry Prihoda, sponsor Weimar Trophies and Engraving.



Pictured from left are the winners in the 1999 Fair Queens Pageant, 1st Runner-up Brandy Tuck of Columbus, Fair Queen Lora Weishuhn of Columbus and 2nd Runner-up Natalie Knackstedt of New Ulm.



KELLI GRUNEWALD
Fair Queen Contestant



LACEY HINZE
Fair Queen Contestant

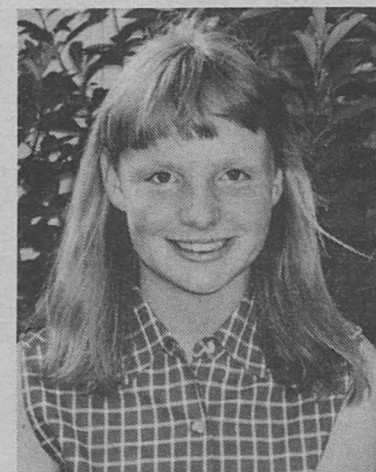
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STACY MARKWARDT
Fair Queen Contestant



ALISHA PONCIK
Fair Queen Contestant



KAYLEE ROBINSON
Fair Queen Contestant



JESSICA THOMAS
Fair Queen Contestant



BRANDY TUCK
Fair Queen Contestant