



2001 Fair Queens



The 2001 edition of the Colorado County Fair will get underway with the 23rd Annual Fair Queens Pageant to be held Saturday, September 8, 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. Reigning 2000 Fair Queen Brandy Tuck, daughter of Travis and Beverly Tuck of Columbus, and 2000 Junior Fair Queen Megan Bloecher, daughter of Gerald and Sharon Boelcher of Columbus, will be on hand to crown their successors. The new Fair Queens will be chosen from a field of 13 young ladies who have entered from across the county.

The contestant selected Fair Queen by an out-of-county panel of judges will receive the \$1000 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. The contestant who sells the most advance Season Passes and Life Memberships to the Fair will be named Membership Queen. She will receive a \$2000 scholarship and a Life Membership in the Fair Association. The sales winner will be crowned by 1998 Membership Queen Mindy Mazoch, daughter of Henry and Lana Mazoch of Cat Spring.

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, also of Columbus, has arranged for several entertainers to perform during the evening. Pamela Potter of Columbus is pageant director. Members of the pageant committee include Tracy Olivarez and Doreen Alexander of Columbus, Deborah Hayward of Weimar and Dianna Brunner of Eagle Lake. The theme for this year's pageant will be "Fantasy Under the Sea."

The public is invited out Saturday evening to see which of the following young ladies will take home the titles for 2001: from the Columbus area, for Queen, Stacy Markwardt, daughter of Steven and Lucy Markwardt, sponsor Triangle Electronics; Kaylee Robinson, daughter of Mark and Sandra Robinson, sponsor SDM Cattle Company; Hilary Stavinoha, daughter of Gary and Patricia Stavinoha, sponsor Quality Electronics; Michele Wostarek, daughter of Mike and Dorothy Wostarek, sponsor Potter's Western Store; for Junior Queen, April Linkhart, daughter of Dean and Ruthie Linkhart, sponsor Home Detailers; Heather Stavinoha, daughter of Gary and Patricia Stavinoha, sponsor Brown Enterprises; from the Weimar area, for Queen, Kelli Grunewald, daughter of Raymond and Evelyn Grunewald, sponsor Ken Kram - State Farm Insurance; Ashlie Hall, daughter of Anna Koehn, sponsor The Phoenix; Jacqueline Novak, daughter of Andy and Vicky Novak, sponsor Torres II Barber Shop; for Junior Queen, Lauren Berger, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Jane Berger, sponsor Prime Industries, Inc., Megan Howard, daughter of Shelley Howard, sponsor M-G, Inc.; and Tiffany Nelson, daughter of Mike and Theresa Nelson, sponsor Columbus Autoplex; from the Garwood area, for Queen, Brittany Waligura, daughter of Boudreaux and Sandra Waligura, sponsor Texana Seed.



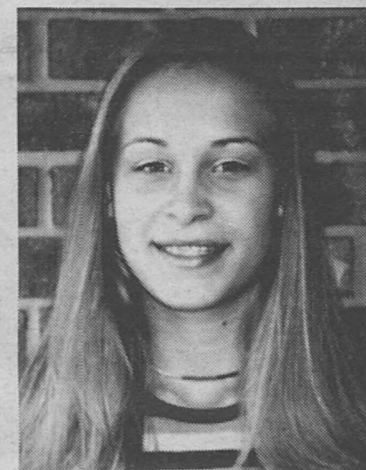
STACY MARKWARDT
Fair Queen Contestant



KAYLEE ROBINSON
Fair Queen Contestant



HILARY STAVINOH
Fair Queen Contestant



MICHELE WOSTAREK
Fair Queen Contestant



Winners in the 2000 Fair Queens Pageant were left to right, 1st Runner-up Stacy Markwardt of New Ulm, Miss Congeniality Jessica Thomas of Eagle Lake, Queen Brandy Tuck of Columbus and 2nd Runner-up Kelli Grunewald of Weimar.



KELLI GRUNEWALD
Fair Queen Contestant



ASHLIE HALL
Fair Queen Contestant



JACQUELINE NOVAK
Fair Queen Contestant



BRITTANY WALIGURA
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