

2001 COLORADO COUNTY FAIR



Noelle Jurica's grand champion lamb was purchased by Mike Weathers. Pictured are Fair Membership Queen Stacy Markwardt, Jurica, Bernadette Jurica, Fair Queen Kelli Grunewald and Weathers.



The top goat entry was shown by Clint Anders and purchased by Ransom Weed, represented by Mike Weathers.



The grand champion broilers were shown by Dylan Hasse and purchased by Ken Kram, Henry L. Beken and Bob Huette. Dylan's dad, Lane, is in back, at left.



Mike Weathers also purchased the reserve champion hog shown by Courtney Zapalac.



The reserve champion pen of three was shown by Cody Valenta and purchased by Stan Voelkel and Diana Voelkel.



Dannah Krueger exhibited the grand champion rabbit which was purchased by First State Bank of Columbus. Pictured are Markwardt, Karl Hill of First State Bank, Krueger, Grunewald and Junior Fair Queen Lauren Berger.



Grand champion steer honors went to Chad Mahalite's entry which was purchased by B&D Services Inc., Bruce and Donna Tesch.



Jamie Ripper showed the reserve champion lamb, purchased by Mike Weathers.



Showing the reserve champion goat was Barrett Richer. It was purchased by Ransom Weed, Mike Weathers.



Debbie Christ of Eagle Lake won the best of show ribbon in the adult amateur division of the art show with this rendition of a Mallard duck.



The grand champion pen of fryers, exhibited by Lacey Krueger, were purchased by Orange Construction. Pictured are Krueger and Eddie Orange with the Fair queens.



Buying Alyson Lanier's grand champion hog was Legacy Bldg. Systems, Craig and Sharon Duperier.



The reserve champion rabbit was shown by Trent Wied and purchased by Mike Arnold Trucking and Superior Livestock, represented by Mike Arnold.



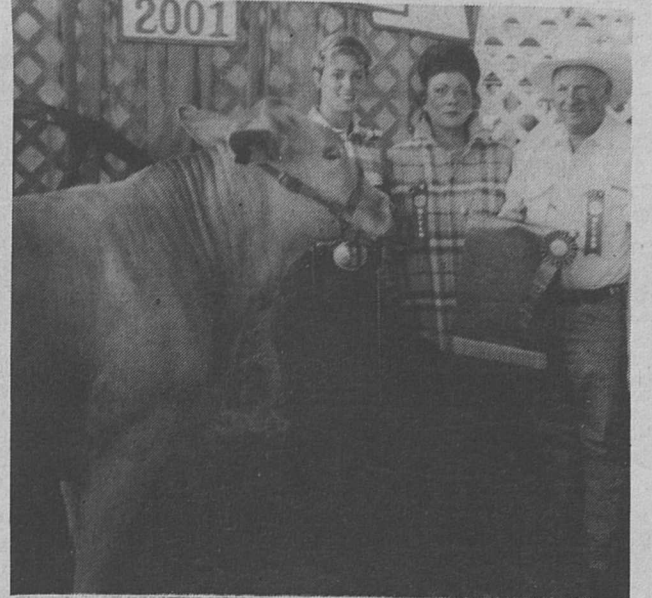
Heather Shanks' reserve champion heifer was purchased by Weaver Ranch, Keith Weaver.



Franklin Fried Chicken, represented by Gary Kulhanek, purchased the reserve champion broilers shown by Bart Rerich.



Reserve champion pen of rabbits, shown by Dannah Krueger, was purchased by Travis Maertz, accompanied by John and Tori Maertz.



Amanda Labay's entry was chosen grand champion heifer and purchased by Legacy Bldg. Systems, represented by Craig and Sharon Duperier.



Cody Henneke entered the grand champion pen of three which was purchased by H.E.B., represented by Steven Theiss, who was accompanied by Brooke.



Kaylee Malatek's reserve champion steer was purchased by Ron and Estelle Mostyn. Assisting was Mindy Malatek, in the center.

CLOFA formed

A group of volunteers met several times this summer to discuss continuing the annual Live Oak Festival. At the last meeting, Aug. 29, the group formed the Columbus Live Oak Festival Association (CLOFA).

The start-up executive committee includes Nancy Habermacher, Rusty Theut, Larry Smith, Mary Stavinotha and Jody Onofrey.

The new group plans to apply for non-profit corporation status to enable it to apply for grants and receive tax-deductible donations. "Non-profit corporation" means a corporation in which no part of the income is distributable to members, directors or officers (TNCPA, article 1396-1.02A(3)). The CLOFA will have monthly meetings and will be governed by by-laws and elected officers.

The Mission Statement of the CLOFA is as follows: "The purpose of the CLOFA is to promote the Columbus area as a Texas historical tourist destination and to provide a family event for the community."

The executive committee will be assisted by a designated director from each group wishing to participate and by committee chairman and members. The group plans to fund publicity and other necessary expenses with corporate and individual donations and grants until the event becomes profitable.

The long-term goals of the Festival Association will be to donate profits back to the community after paying for necessary festival expenses.

2002 CLOFA events will be announced this fall. There will be an emphasis placed on improving the food selection on the courthouse square, adding more children's activities and signing a "big name" entertainer for Saturday night.

Got any ideas? The executive committee and directors would like to hear from you. For more information contact Habermacher at 979-732-6090 or leave written information in the "Festival Box" in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Office.

Donations can be made by making check payable to the CLOFA in c/o Pierce Arthur CPA, P.O. Box 297, Columbus, TX 78934.

The next general CLOFA meeting will be held, Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. at the Nesbitt Library Conference Room.

Parade winners

The Colorado County Fair Parade was held Saturday, Sept. 15, with the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce taking Best Overall honors. Other winners were:

Best Educational: Brandy Rossignol, first place; Columbus Junior High Cheerleaders, second; and St. Anthony Cheerleaders, third.

Best Float: Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, first; McDade Watermelon Festival, second; and Moulton Chamber of Commerce, third.

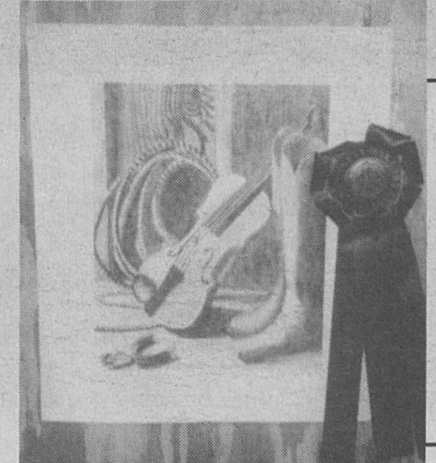
Best Commercial: Columbus Care Center, first; Party Zone, second; and Country Cooking and Katerin, third.

Best Service Organization: Columbus Church of God, Noah's Ark, first; Xi Chi Kappa, second; and Rock Island United Methodist Church, third.

Best Equestrian: Little Angels Miniature Donkey Farm, first; Colorado River Trail Riders Association, second.

Best Marching and Twirling: Columbus High School Band, first; Colorado County Juvenile Facility, second; and Columbus Junior High Band, third.

Best Antique Vehicle: Ellis Glueck, first; Don and Wanda Brod, second; and Dustin Machinsky, third.



Jason Ishee of Eagle Lake, a student at Rice High School, took the best of show ribbon in the Western Art Show at this year's County Fair with this entry.