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Colorado County Ag Complex Highway 71 Bypass, Columbus, Texas

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Current Colorado County Ag Complex Directors include left to right, front row, Henry Beken of Weimar, Jerry Henneke of Bernardo, Mark Boenisch of Garwood, and back row, James Jordan of Columbus, Fritz Leopold of Nada, Jim Wiese of Eagle Lake and Dwain Dungen of Columbus. Not pictured is Jake Reichle of New Ulm.

Ag Complex Board To Be Honored

This year the Fair Association is honoring the Board of Directors of the Colorado County Ag Complex, both past and present, as the 2002 Fair Parade Marshals for their contributions in providing a permanent home for the Colorado County Fair. These men have given of their time, talents, and money in not only securing the location but also to its continued maintenance and improvement. The Ag Complex is a 75-acre facility on the Highway 71 bypass in Columbus, Texas that is the fruit of much work by many individuals and donors. The Complex serves not only as the home to the Fair, but is also utilized by various groups throughout the county. The original board members were Henry L. Beken, Kenneth L. Brune Jr., Leon Dittmar Jr., William H. Harrison Jr., Billy R. Krenek, T. J. Smith and James Whitcomb. Others who have served on the Ag Complex Board include Mack Janak, Robert Huette, and the late Eddie Orange. Current members are President Fritz Leopold, Vice President Dwain Dungen, Jim Wiese, Henry Beken, Jerry Henneke, Mark Boenisch, Jake Reichle. Ex-officio member James Jordan serves as the board's Secretary/Treasurer.

Twelve Receive Scholarships For 2002

The Colorado County Fair Association offers 16 scholarships totaling \$13,250 to the youth of Colorado County annually. Graduating seniors from Columbus, Rice and Weimar High Schools were recently awarded nine scholarships. The nine recipients include: from Columbus High School, Russell Stewart, son of Jane and Tommy Stewart of Columbus, who received \$1000; Brandy Tuck, daughter of Beverly and Travis Tuck of Columbus, who received \$1000; Joseph Glueck, son of Cindy and Richard Glueck of Cat Spring, who received \$500; and Joseph Zatopek, son of Susan and Ronnie Zatopek of Columbus, who received \$500; from Rice High School, Amanda Labay, daughter of Shirley and Clifton Labay of Altair, who received \$1000; Heather Shanks, daughter of Debra and Eugene Shanks of Eagle Lake, who received \$1000; Shelley Greak, daughter of Patricia and Allen Greak of Altair, who received \$500; and Amy Donnelly, daughter of Michele and Michael Donnelly of Eagle Lake, who

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Gary Allan To Headline Fair

MCA Nashville recording artist Gary Allan will be the headliner for the 24th annual Colorado County Fair Saturday, September 14.

"We were fortunate to get an entertainer of his quality and following," Colorado County Fair Entertainment Chairman Dwayne Henneke said.

Traditionally, the Colorado County Fair has brought top-chart entertainers to the fair - many before they became recognized and acclaimed. George Strait appeared as headliner at the Colorado County Fair in 1981, (Continued on Page 4)