



2002 Fair Queens

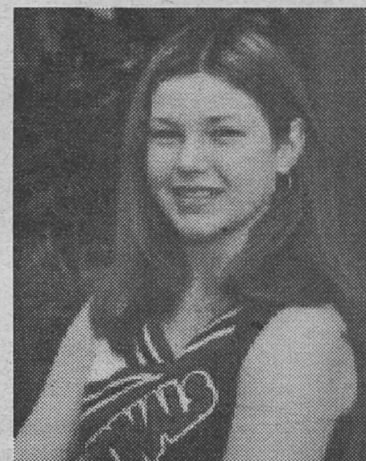


The 2002 edition of the Colorado County Fair will get underway with the 24th Annual Fair Queens Pageant to be held Saturday, September 7, at the Columbus High School Auditorium. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with the Junior Queen Contest, followed by the Queens Pageant immediately after. Reigning 2001 Fair Queen Kelli Grunewald, daughter of Evelyn and Raymond Grunewald of Weimar, 2001 Membership Queen Stacy Markwardt, daughter of Lucy and Steven Markwardt of New Ulm, and 2001 Junior Fair Queen Lauren Berger, daughter of Mary Jane and Kenneth Berger of Weimar, will crown their successors. The new fair queens will be chosen from a field of 17 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 first runner-up in sales will receive a \$750 scholarship and the second runner-up in sales will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

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 and Steven Meinecke of Eagle Lake. The theme for this year's pageant is "Butterfly Kisses."

The public is invited out Saturday evening to see which of the following young ladies will take home the titles for 2002: from the Columbus area, for Queen, Amanda Corliss, daughter of Candace and Clifford Corliss, sponsor Maxim Insurance; Amanda Glaeser, daughter of Patti and Steven Glaeser, sponsor Columbus Carpets and Furniture; Mindy Malatek, daughter of Linda and Billy Joe Malatek, sponsor Potter's Western Store; Kaylee Robinson, daughter of Sandra and Mark Robinson, sponsor Brune Welding and Fabrication; Courtney Swyden, daughter of Nora and Doug Swyden, sponsor Colorado County Citizen; Michele Wostarek, daughter of Dorothy and Mike Wostarek, sponsor Brides House; for Junior Queen, Lauren Culpepper, daughter of Shannon and Chad Huebner, sponsor Majestic Creations; Kayla Gerik, daughter of Rhonda and Doug Gerik, sponsor CJS Custom Carpentry; Madison Laird, daughter of Carla and Tony Cain, sponsor The Hair Boutique; Koree Robinson, daughter of Sandra and Mark Robinson, sponsor Potter's Western Store; Brandy Rossignol, daughter of Geneva and Terry Rossignol, sponsor HEB Pantry Foods; Karlie Schindler, daughter of Luane and Allen Schindler, sponsor Junior Miss Texas Rodeo; Dani Whitehair, daughter of Kris Fox and Dan Whitehair, sponsor Hallmark Realty; from the Eagle Lake area, for Junior Queen, Mandi Balderas, daughter of Debbie and Tim Luedecke, sponsor Delgado's Wrecker Service; Marinna Balderas, daughter of Debbie and Tim Luedecke, sponsor W.C.L. Builders; from the Garwood area, for Junior Queen, Farah Ellenbogen, daughter of Jean and Chris Mittel, sponsor Garwood Lions Club; Noelle Jurica, daughter of Missy and Jim Jurica, sponsor Bulldog Oilfield.



AMANDA CORLISS
Fair Queen Contestant



AMANDA GLAESER
Fair Queen Contestant



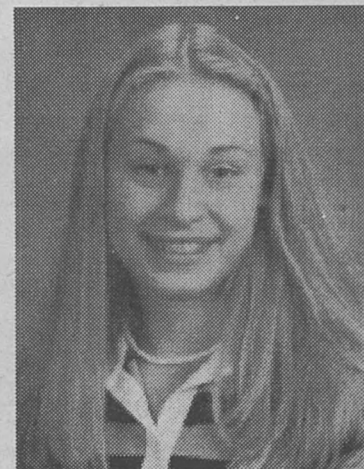
MINDY MALATEK
Fair Queen Contestant



KAYLEE ROBINSON
Fair Queen Contestant



COURTNEY SWYDEN
Fair Queen Contestant



MICHELE WOSTAREK
Fair Queen Contestant



Winners in the 2001 Queens Pageant were, left to right, seated, Fair Queen and 2nd Runner-up for Membership Queen Kelli Grunewald of Weimar, Membership Queen Stacy Markwardt of New Ulm, and standing, 1st Runner-up for Queen Ashlie Hall of Weimar, 2nd Runner-up for Queen Kaylee Robinson of Columbus, Miss Congeniality Brittany Waligura of Garwood and 1st Runner-up for Membership Queen Hilary Stavinoha of Cat Spring.



Fair Queen Kelli Grunewald of Weimar, pictured left, Junior Fair Queen Lauren Berger of Weimar, center, and Membership Queen Stacy Markwardt of New Ulm, on the right, have represented the Fair Association at numerous parades and events throughout the past year. They will be on hand to crown their successors at the 2002 Fair Queens Pageant slated for 7 p.m., Saturday, September 7, at the Columbus High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.