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GC Supervisors and Rotary Club team up to improve Fairgrounds

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The most exciting attraction at this year's County Fair could be a new paved walking track around the Fairground's midway and vendor area. The George County Board of Supervisors and the Lucedale Rotary Club teamed up for this improvement project.

"This paving project will improve walking access for all residents but especially for our handicapped, wheelchair bound, and physically challenged residents at the fairgrounds," Henry Cochran, Beat 5 Supervisor explained. "I know it's going to be very convenient for every parent or grandparent pushing a stroller around too."

Cochran's road crew did most of the foundation and finishing work with assistance from several other beat road crews. Altogether, more than 1,200 linear feet of thick asphalt was laid forming two ovals to serve the vendor area and the midway.

"This paving is also going to be a huge benefit when it rains. And we all know it's going to rain at least once during the fair," Cochran said.

In addition, several other smaller improvements were also finished. The County expanded and paved handicap parking and moved the original vehicle entrance about 100 yards north for better flow into the parking lot. Before paving began, Rotary Club members trenched and installed four new water lines to serve the Fairgrounds.

"The Rotary Club is very excited about the improvements being made at the fairgrounds," Phillip Eubanks, 2012 Rotary President said. "We know this will enhance the quality of the Fair, as well as all community events in the future. The club sincerely thanks the Board of Supervisors."

The Lucedale Rotary Club and the George County Extension Service sponsors the county-wide fair each year. The Rotary Club approached the supervisors in early April about the improvements. The Board unanimously approved the project with the Rotary Club agreeing to pay a third of the estimated costs.



“The County Fair really is for all county residents. The Fair has 4H events, kiddie rides, thrill rides, giant corndogs, and great church booth food. There is something for every age. The Lucedale Rotary Club is proud to be a part of the County’s biggest entertainment event each year,” Eubanks said.

This year’s Fair will be October 15-20. The Fairgrounds are located on Old Hwy. 63 just south of George County High School. For information about Fair events, call Ext. Service Office at 601-947-4223.

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