

Restless Heart to headline Friday night

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Country band Restless Heart, voted Vocal Group of the Year in 1990 by the Academy of Country Music, will visit Colby for this year's Thomas County Fair, sharing their music in a Friday night performance.

The group, most popular in the late 1980s and early 1990s, has been nominated for four Grammy awards, seven Country Music Association awards and four Academy of Country Music awards.

They have three gold records and were named Group of the Year twice by Radio & Records.

Their most popular songs include "That Rock Won't Roll," "I'll Still Be Loving You," "The Bluest Eyes in Texas" and "Why Does It Have To Be Wrong Or Right," all of which reached No. one on the Hot Country Singles charts.

The band, made up of John Dittrich, Greg Jennings, Paul Gregg, Dave Innis and Larry Stewart, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year by going back on the road for a tour, stopping in Colby along the way.

"I think it's been an amazing legacy," said Innis, "and it's been such an honor to have been part of an organization that is still together doing it after 30 years with the same five original guys, and it's more fun than ever."

Though Restless Heart has had one of the most successful careers in country music history, they have also spent time working with the Nashville Rescue Mission, donating and holding concerts for the mission, as well as touring with the Air Force in support of troops around the world.

Stewart, lead singer for the group, said he can still remember the exact moment his life began to change forever.

"I was driving east on I-40 from West Nashville into town to an appointment," he said. "Back then, I was listening to what we were doing in my Jeep Cherokee every day. I had turn the radio on, and 'Let the Heartache Ride' was right in the middle of the a cappella intro."

Stewart said it did not sink in at first that the song was playing on the radio – not the tape deck – this time.

When he realized his song was on the radio, he pulled over to the shoulder and "sat there with my car idling. It was like yesterday."

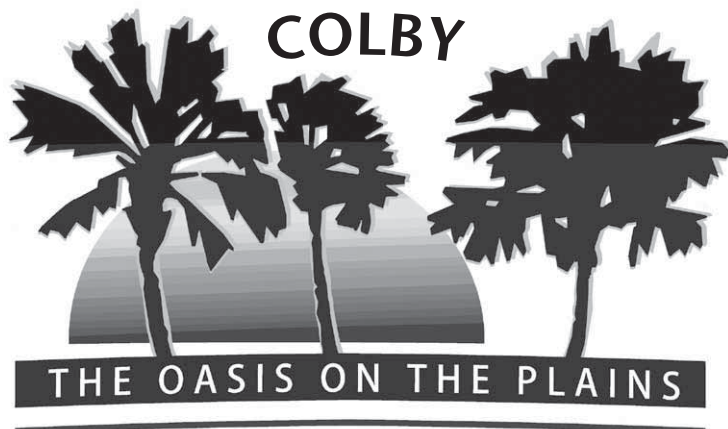
That was years ago, but Stewart says Restless Heart still has a lot of history to make. "We are still at the top of our game when it comes to singing and playing together."

The concert starts at 8 p.m. next Friday night in the fairgrounds' grandstand. Tickets are \$20.

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Country band Restless Heart will be on stage Friday night in the arena.



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