

For the past 11 years, Macon County has hosted the highly anticipated Jett Williams Country Music Festival, where many famous country music stars have accompanied Williams in performing for the thousands.

But this year, Williams and her manager and husband Keith Adkinson, have announced the event, which is annually held in May, has been cancelled.

“We’re taking a break this year,” Adkinson commented. “Last year’s Disaster Relief Benefit was a lot of work and we put a lot of time into getting everything together, so we’ve decided to put it off this year.”

Last year's event, which followed the February 5th tornado that destroyed much of Macon County, is said to have benefited devastated residents.

While the 2009 festival has been cancelled, Adkinson did verify that the annual \$1,000 scholarships given away to one student from each of Macon County’s two high schools, will still be awarded.

“The interviewing process for the scholarships will be held in late March or early April and they’ll be awarded at each of the high school’s senior award nights,” he stated.

The \$1,000 scholarships awarded by Jett and Keith are renewable each year, up to four years, for each of the scholarship winners.

Jett, the daughter of country music legend Hank Williams, and her husband Keith take a special interest in the citizens of Macon County, as it is home to the 100-acre farm they reside on.

In the year 2000, the Tennessee House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing Jett Williams' work in Macon County.