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# Flashback to fun times at Ross County Fair in 1969

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The 75th annual Ross County Fair is just around the corner, so this week we look back at the 25th annual one in 1969.

According to the Gazette archives, the opening day attendance was 2,875 at the paid gate and 398 season tickets were collected.

Bina Beth Corn was named Junior Fair Queen that year and had the honor of cutting the ribbon for the grand opening.

Corn and the 1968 queen Margaret Ingle were guests of the fair board for a breakfast one day during the fair.

From an article in the Aug. 6, 1969 edition, "Nearly 500 animals and numerous displays greet fairgoers this year. Activities got under way immediately following the ribbon cutting with the flag raising by the Girl Scouts of the Seal of Ohio Council."

From the Aug. 7, 1969 edition - "Grandstand activities include the Bob Otto Wrestling Show and a Jerry Razor Dance-O-Rama. The wrestling show will begin at 8 p.m. and the Dance-O-Rama at 10. Other grandstand features tonight will be a concert by the Adelphi band at 7:30 p.m. and fire baton exhibition at 9 p.m."

That same article mentioned that the



A photo from the 1969 Ross County Fair. FILE PHOTOS

bandstand would features a performance from the Sing Out Chillicothe group.

Even though the fair has been changed over the years, there were familiar activities back in 1969 as there are today such as performances from local high school bands, rides and of course fair food.

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Afghan security Sunday. A blast

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