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Good weather helps raise fair attendance

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Good weather makes for good attendance at the Ross County Fair.

At least that's the feeling of Jean Gray. A member of the Ross County Agricultural Society's Fair Board, Gray said the two-day fair attendance is up 1,113 from last year.

"I guess just the good weather" is the reason, said Gray. "People aren't taking vacations and are using the fair as their vacation."

Tuesday's attendance was 4,494, up 783 from 3,711 the second day of the 1982 fair. The major entertainment Tuesday was the Pleasant Mountain Bluegrass Boys and major activities were the swine shows. Monday's attendance was up 3,308 at 3,202 from last year's 2,872.

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy came up with the grand champion market pig at the Ross County Fair.

Joey Knauff, a Paston Hesters 4-H Club member from Housenontown Road, Bainbridge, drove the grand champion into the ring Tuesday afternoon. Donita Palmer, 9, of the Frogtown Thrillers 4-H Club and Moon Road, Greenfield, exhibited the reserve champion.

For the second year in a row, Susan Roll of Westfall Road, Frankfort, had the grand champion performance pig. The 17-year-old is a member of the Concord Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. Roll also won an award as the top senior showman.

The reserve champion performance pig was shown by Debbie Conley, 16, of Baptist Hill Road and the Country Free Birds 4-H Club.

In the Junior Fair Poultry Show, Bryan Wickline came out the winner with the grand champion market chicken. Wickline of the Zane Trail 4-H Club, lives on Dry Run Road near Kingston. John Rolfe of Rapid Forge Road, Greenfield, and the Buckskin Runblers 4-H Club, had the reserve champion.

THE BREEDING chicken champion was shown by Shelly Robinson. A member of the Paint Valley 4-H's, she lives on U.S. 50. The reserve champion was shown by Deric Cox of Mt. Tabor Road and the Rozelle Routes 4-H Club. Janet Massie had the top duck.



Joey Knauff
grand champion
in market pig

Donita Palmer
reserve champion
in market pig



Tracie Ward
grand champion
in market rabbit

Kim Wright
reserve champion
in market rabbit



Bryan Wickline
grand champion
in market chickens

John Rolfe
reserve champion
in market chicken

In the Open Poultry Show, Calvin Daugherty of South Salem showed the grand champion standard American, Asiatic, English and Mediterranean chickens. John McCallister of Frankfort showed the champion bantam chicken and Dave Summers of Frankfort showed the champion goose and turkey. J. T. Harp of Chillicothe had the best duck.

The grand champion Junior Fair market rabbit belongs to Tracie Ward, 12, of Frankfort and the reserve champion is owned by Kim Wright, 16, of Westfall Road, Frankfort. Both are members of the Concord Clovers 4-H Club.

The top breeding rabbit was shown by Janet Gaines, 8, of the Snuggly Snoozers 4-H Club and Rozelle Creek Road, Marco Noble, 12, of the Dukes of Owl Creek 4-H Club and Ohio 28, Frankfort, had the reserve champion.

Andrea Wiget also won a grand champion rosette — for her guinea pig. Wiget, 13, is in the Pioneer Country Cousins 4-H Club and lives on Dry Run Road, Kingston. George Hamrick, Pickaway County Agricultural Extension Agent, looked over the fruits, vegetables, grain and hay and settled on Robert Corcoran's swath of hay for the Best of Show in the Farm Products Show.

Corcoran of Chillicothe won first place for best alfalfa

grass hay and best grass hay. In the first flower show of the week, Dee Beatty, of 59 Fox Trail, won best of show for an exhibit called "Far Out!"

Sheep judging, both Junior Fair and open classes, was under way this morning at the fair. The Chillicothe High School Cavaliers, Unoto High School and Adelphi Community bands will be entertaining today. Harness racing starts at 4 p.m., Junior Fair Swine Show will begin at 7 in the livestock arena. A country and western battle of the bands will begin at 8 at the grandstand.

Thursday's activities include judging of steers, a flower show, harness racing, and a rock and roll battle of the bands. Happy & The Coffee Drinkers Senior Citizens, Huntington High School and Adelphi bands will perform. Tadd Free and Golden Squares will also entertain.

Wednesday

- 2 p.m. — Sheep Judging (Open Class) or following Junior Fair Sheep Judging & Showmanship Shows, livestock arena
- 2:30 p.m. — Unoto High School Band, grandstand
- 3:30 p.m. — Quacky Duck, grandstand
- 3:30 p.m. — Judges Community Band Concert, grandstand
- 4 p.m. — Harness Racing (pari-mutuel betting), grandstand

- 4:30 p.m. — Unoto High School Band, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — First Capital Kennel Club, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Quacky Duck, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Horsemanship Competition (Class C), horseshoe court
- 7 p.m. — CHS Cavaliers Drill Team, grandstand
- 7 p.m. — Junior Fair Swine Sale, livestock arena
- 8 p.m. — Battle of the Bands (Country Western Bands), grandstand
- 8 p.m. — PFA Demonstrations, junior fair building
- 8 p.m. — Sweet Acetars (Gospel Music), grandstand
- 8 p.m. — Bands & Bees Square Dance, grandstand

Thursday

- 9 a.m. — Beef Judging (Junior Fair) followed by showmanship, judging arena
- 10 a.m. — CHS Band Rifle Squad (Spin a Thorn), senior citizen tent
- 10:30 a.m. — Flower Judging (Second Show), flower building
- 12:30 p.m. — Huntington High School Band, grandstand
- 1:30 p.m. — Happy and The Coffee Drinkers Senior Citizens Band, grandstand
- 2 p.m. — Beef Judging (Open Class) or following Junior Beef Judging, livestock arena
- 2:30 p.m. — Senior Citizens Kitchen Band, grandstand
- 3:30 p.m. — Adelphi Community Band Concert, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Quacky Duck, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Horsemanship High School Band, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Quacky Duck, grandstand
- 4:30 p.m. — Junior Fair Lamb Sale, livestock arena
- 7:30 p.m. — Tadd Free (rock), grandstand
- 8 p.m. — Battle of the Bands (Rock Bands), grandstand
- 8:30 p.m. — Golden Squares Square Dancers, grandstand

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