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Fair race events expected to boost today's attendance

Three-quarter mile race and the second day of a three-day harness racing program were expected to keep attendance up at the Ross County Fair today.

Attendance for Thursday, the third day of the annual fair, was 4,000 guests, according to Kenneth Russell, fair board secretary.

Attendance this far has been about 1,000 ahead of last year, Russell said.

Fairgoers Thursday night saw a record set for the county Junior Fair — a price of \$1 per pound paid for the grand champion junior market lamb, entered by Teresa Corcoran and purchased by Mosler Metzger Jr., of Metzger Oil.

U.S. Rep. William E. Harsha was expected to be among fair visitors this afternoon, according to Lloyd Overly, vice-president of the Ross County Water Co. Harsha was to view the water company's wellhead, located on county property adjacent to the large dam, during his visit, Overly said.

Saturday, the Fair-Gene Majorville Corp is to make its second public appearance, between hours of the demolition derby at the grandstand. The corps is composed of 14 girls, ages 7-15, directed by Mrs. Kenneth Birce.

Among Thursday's fair highlights, Kim Elliott, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elliott, Route 1, Balmertown, was chosen the top junior division model during the Junior Style Review at the grandstand.

Highlights of this afternoon's events at the fair: 3 p.m., open class dairy cattle judging; 7:30, "Prest Valley Band" Concert; 8:30, Senior Citizens' Kitchen Band concert and Adolph's Band Concert; 9:45, Fair Queens and court interview.

Harness racing begins at 4 p.m. A second Paul Valley Band concert is scheduled for 4:30, and a second Adolph's Band concert for 6:45.

At 7 p.m., the junior fair steeple chase takes place in the livestock judging arena, the Ross Area speed singers perform at the band stand and the Fair Queens and court are to be interviewed at the grandstand. The three-quarter mile get auto race warmups begin at 7:15.

On Saturday, the women's harnesses steeple chase begins at 11 a.m. The Adena Band gives a concert at 1 p.m., and the Adolph Band a concert at 1:30.

The Junior Fair pet show takes place at 7:45, harness racing and the junior division harnesses steeple chase begin at 8:45, award presentations are scheduled for 9.

All exhibits will be released at 11 p.m.

The Adena Band will give a second concert at 4:30. At 5:30, Gordon Brown and Group of Pauls will perform at the bandstand.

Class A harness competition begins at 6:30, the Adolph Band performs at 7:30, and the fair queen and court will be interviewed at 7:45. The demolition derby gets underway in the grandstand at 8 p.m., and the Junior Fair dance starts at the same time in the junior fair building.

Thirty harness have been entered for the third and final day of harness racing Saturday at the Ross County Fair.

A total of eight races will be run with a total purse of \$1,800. Post time will be at 2 p.m.

First race (\$99 purse for harness) — Genesee, TBA, Mike's Chaser, J. Hines, Minnie Cox, R. Barker, Crayth, Bill, J. Class; Purpan Pack, C. Daugherty; Nancy's Gold, W. Caplinger; Wanda Lacey, J. Foley; Syrus Will, J. Lawhorn; Lucky Paul, C. Travis.

Second race (\$800 purse for harness) — Gary Red, C. Carter; Missy Ray, J. Hines; Little Beth, D. Connor; Marshall Hester, D. Jordan; Mr. Tardant, W. J. Conker; Linda's Land, K. A. TBA; Butcher's Boy, R. Noel; Thelma Jolly, R. No-pier; Zolanta Hal, F. Smith.

Third race (\$500 purse for harness) — Mr. Fisherman, T. Avey; Press Chase, J. Brown; J. T. Lind, D. Connor; Hattie Saunders, E. Spiller; O'Hannover, TBA; Blind Crusader, F. Conker; New Day, D. J. Sautter; Star Face, A. Hartley.

Fourth race (\$500 purse for harness) — Lantana, J. Riley; GDA, J. Avey; Yonah's Men, R. Barker; Phyllis Duris, C. Park.

Fifth race — same horses as first race; purse to be split among top finishers, best times of both races.

Sixth race — same horses as second race; purse to be split among top finishers, best times of both races.

Seventh race — same horses as third race; purse to be split among top finishers, best times of both races.

Eighth race — same horses as fourth race; purse to be split among top finishers, best times of both races.

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