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# Always-fun fair is special this year

Pride can't easily be measured, but if it could, the meter on what was being felt by a few hundred people Saturday evening would be in the red zone.

That seemed to be the attitude and feeling of everyone who attended the special dinner conducted by the Ross County Agricultural Society to note the 50th anniversary of the county fair. The Gazette was lucky enough to play some role in this event which magnified the pride for me tenfold.

It's hard to imagine the 50 years. The county has had fairs dating to the 1800s, but this milestone marks a continuity for the society and for the county itself. Those who spoke paid tribute to those who have



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been a part of all 50 fairs. Such as:

- Wayne Cryder. Our long-time county recorder also was a member of the original ag society that got this going in the 1940s. His devotion to all things agricultural is legion in these parts.
- The Adelphi Band. With much more

history than the fair's 50 years, it was only fitting for this group of musicians to be honored for having played at each fair, including the many members who are older than the fair itself.

- The original 4-H clubs. These are the organizations that continue to make this fair as successful and as fun as it is.
- The Gazette itself. We've been helped by the ag society in molding our coverage and today, we try to leave very few stones unturned during this hectic week.
- Other groups. Such as the Boy and Girl scouts were honored for making themselves a part of this icon in our lives. The Ross County Fair isn't for every-

one, but it is hard to imagine anyone not getting something from the fair. All of the exhibits, animals, entertainment. Something there has to appeal to everyone.

Even the balloons and the fans available at the Gazette booth this year in the commercial building are as popular as ever. The same as the yardsticks and the tons and tons of literature. How could it be a fair if you didn't drag home the plastic bag full of goodies?

For 50 years, Ross County has been blessed with a weekly event that galvanizes the more than 70,000 people here. This year's just seems to be a little extra special.

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## Bail bonding story was poorly researched

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