

Ross Fair enters final day under threatening skies

The final day of the 1972 Ross County Fair opened to sprinkles of rain and overcast, threatening skies this morning.

But barring a heavy downpour, the weather is not expected to interfere with any of the events scheduled for today, according to Kenneth Rudell, Fair Board treasurer.

By midmorning, Rudell said, the rain which had fallen on the fairgrounds was "just enough to settle the dust."

A heavy rain could force cancellation of the final day of harness racing at the fairgrounds grandstand, but rain will not stop tonight's grandstand program, the demolition derby, which will be run rain or shine, Rudell said.

Rudell said paid admissions to the fair are still ahead of last year's figures, but no attendance records will be set by the 1972 fair.

Admissions for the week at

mid-morning stood at 16,080, almost 1,200 ahead of last year, and Rudell said he expects the total to approach 20,000 by tonight. Last year's paid admission totaled 19,144.

Friday's attendance was 3,940 up 125 over the same day last year.

Featured fair attractions today were the harness racing program beginning at 2 p.m. at the grandstand, and at 8 p.m. the demolition derby in the grandstand and the Junior Fair Dance in the Junior Fair building.

Other events scheduled for the final day of the fair: 11 a.m. women's horseshoe competition, 1 p.m., Adena Band concert; 1:30 p.m., Adelphi Band Concert.

1:45 p.m., Junior Fair pet show, 2 p.m., junior horseshoe competition; 3 p.m., 4-H awards presentation.

4 p.m., all exhibits released; 4:30 p.m., Adena Band concert; 5:30 p.m., Gordon Brown and Group of Faith; 6:30 p.m., class A horseshoe competition; 7:30 p.m., Adelphi Band concert; 7:45 p.m., Fair Queen and Court interviews.

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