

Fair crowds get variety

There is something for everyone of the 1971 Ross County Fair.

The fair is one of the few places where a person can see livestock judging and sales, wrestling shows, two record breaking horse races and all types of exhibits and midway attractions, all in the same day.

During the first of three days of harness racing at the race track on the Ross County fairgrounds Thursday, a capacity grandstand crowd saw two records broken and a former existing record tied.

Running on what race officials termed a very fast track, Thimble, owned by Appalachian Farms, Jackson, and driven by Dick Williams, of Centerville, Ind., broke the existing 2:04 4-5 record for pacers at the Ross County Fair. The record was broken during the third race Thursday. Thimble completed the race in 2:01 4-5 to break the record formerly set by Air Pilot, driven by Porter Martin in 1:53.

Thimble tied her new record in the eighth race.

A second record was broken during the racing program when China Doll, driven by Dick Williams, in the sixth race, turned in a time of 2:07 2-5. The previous record for 2-year-old pacers was set in 1964 by Adios Marches, driven by James C. Riley. The former record was 2:08.

Tri-Butler, driven by Carl Porter, tied the existing 2:08 record for 2-year-old pacers during the second race Thursday.

Four wrestling events were presented during the Mert Moore Memorial wrestling show

which nearly filled the grandstand for the second time on day Thursday.

Junior fair swine and sheep were sold during the first of two junior fair livestock sales at the livestock judging arena Thursday night (See story, Page 1). Junior fair steers will sell tonight at 7 at the judging arena.

Attendance at the 1971 Ross County Fair is slightly ahead of figures recorded for the first three days of the fair last year, according to fair officials. The official records show 4,800 have passed through the fair gates so far.

Harness racing continues today at 4 p.m. on the race track.

Midget car racing, a new attraction to the fair this year, will begin at 8 tonight in front of the grandstand. Qualifying for the race, which is under the jurisdiction of the United Midget Auto Racing Association, will begin at 7:30. The concert by the Adelphi band, which was originally scheduled to begin at 7:30 tonight at the grandstand has been moved to 7.

The Adelphi band will also perform at 2:30 and 3:30 today.

The Paint Valley Band will present a concert at 4:30.

Last day activities at the fair include presentation of 4-H awards in the junior fair building at 11 a.m. and band concerts by the Adena High School band at 1, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. The Adelphi band will perform at 1:30 and 7:30.

The harness racing program will be concluded at 2.

The demolition derby is the grandstand attraction Saturday at the fair. The derby will begin at 8 p.m.

A junior fair dance, sponsored by the Ross County Junior Fair Board, will begin at 8:30 at the junior fair building Saturday.



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