

are in the junior fair building. Beverly Smith, right, of the Mt. ... (Gazette Photos)

Ross County's 25th fair opens Tuesday

The 25th annual Ross County Fair opens Tuesday with the official ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 a.m.

A preliminary event, the Miss Junior Fair Queen Contest, begins at 8 p.m. Monday.

Sponsored by the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce, the contest will be held at the grandstand.

Girls entered in the contest represent the various organizations participating in the junior fair program.

Queen Contest Story, Photos on Pages 20-22

The queen and her court will reign throughout the fair and represent the fair at other functions throughout the upcoming year.

Judging gets under way at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Ponies will be judged at that time, followed by

home and fine arts judging at 10 a.m.

Needlework, flower and baked and canned goods will be judged, starting at noon and old dishes and coverlets, 4-H miscellaneous and fine arts judging begins at 1 p.m. Poultry will be judged at 2 p.m.

Other activities Tuesday include concerts by the Huntington High School band at 1, 2:30 and 5 p.m. at the bandstand; a 4-H tractor rodeo at 2 p.m. at the grandstand and horseshoe qualifying, beginning at 5 p.m.

The featured evening event will be the 4-H senior division, style revue, set for 7:30 p.m. at the grandstand. It will be preceded by a Huntington Band concert at the grandstand at 7 p.m.

A fire baton exhibition completes the Tuesday schedule at

9 p.m. at the grandstand.

The fair continues daily through Saturday at the fairgrounds on Route 104 just north of the intersection of Route 207.

The Kissel Brothers Amusement Company of Cincinnati is providing rides on the midway throughout the fair and numerous commercial and other exhibits are featured on the grounds.

Judging continues Wednesday and Thursday in various departments of the fair.

The junior fair sheep and swine sale will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and cattle will sell at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The sale is handled by Scioto Livestock Sales.

The grandstand feature Wednesday will be the annual horse show, which begins at 7 p.m.

On Thursday the Bob Otto Wrestling Show will be featured at 8 p.m. Friday's grandstand attraction will be the "Shorty and Sadie" Country Music Show. The Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby rounds out the week's activities at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Harness racing will be at 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Other bands providing music during the week will be the Southeastern High School Band Wednesday and the Adelphi Community Band Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Maka-Ina Lodge 350, Order of the Arrow lodge's Blacklight Dance Team will perform at 9 p.m. Wednesday at the bandstand and the "Sing-Out-Chillicothe" group will sing there at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

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