

Ross fair begins 6-day run today

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A very tearful Kelly Holdren ended her reign as Miss Ross County Fair Sunday evening by crowning her good friend Vicki Francis as the 1980 queen.

Miss Francis was "totally overcome" after she won the title before a near-capacity crowd at the fairgrounds grandstand.

Lova Woods, the first mistress of ceremonies for the contest, interviewed each of the 26 contestants and listed their activities.

The queen's court consists of first runnerup, Cathy Davis; second runnerup, Karla Exline; third runnerup, Debbie Flannery; and fourth runnerup, Terri Hirsch.

The queen and her court will be interviewed at the bandstand tonight at 6:45 and at the grandstand at 7:15.

Featured entertainment at the grandstand tonight is the gospel music show with Wendy Bagwell and the Sunlighters and Bill Hall beginning at 7:30.

Honored at the fair kick-off breakfast this morning was the Adelphi Community Band for performing at the fair for all of its 38 years. William Kramer was lauded on his 82nd birthday for his service to the fair board. Ralph Ratcliff received an award from the Director of Agriculture for his 24 years as a fair board member. Many other ex-fair board members were honored.

After the breakfast, the queen and her court officially opened the six-day fair at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main entrance.

A 1980 Zane Trace High School graduate, Miss Francis, 17, is a member of the Bonama 4-H Club which sponsored her in the contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Francis and plans to attend Miami University this fall, majoring in pulp and paper technology.

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