



Have Some Fun At The 112th Annual Clay County Fair

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Letter Band is a chart-topping group of artists that enjoy entertaining audiences in an up-close, personal way and is ministry focused. They cover a variety of classic country hits. The full-scale, family friendly, professional sound of The Red Letter Band delivers hours of high-quality, classic country along with a first hand opportunity to hear original music from this nationally acclaimed Minnesota artist.

An Ecumenical Worship Service will start out the day on the band shelter on Sunday, July 12th. The Clay County Fair will have their award ceremonies later in the day recognizing Clay County Century Farm(s), Outstanding Farm Leaders, Farm Family of the Year, NDSU Harvest Bowl Agriculturalists, Friend of the Fair, and Hall of Honor. Plans are still being made for music entertainment between the church service and awards program.

In addition to the free events available at the band shelter, many other "free" activities are available throughout the fair for all ages. The "Touch-a-Truck" event will take place on Thursday on the fairgrounds which will provide an opportunity for fair visitors of all ages to see big trucks up close and personal. The "Jigsaw Puzzle" contest which will give teams of up



to 4 members an opportunity to put together a provided puzzle in a set timeframe. Number of teams will be limited so watch for additional details as this event is organized. The plan is to have a "Jigsaw Puzzle" contest on Thursday evening. Various departments of Clay County government will be on hand for Clay County Government Day on Friday.

Various demonstrations will be presented throughout the fair. Clay County FFA Chapters will provide free ice cream cones/cups by the Children's Barnyard on Saturday. Plans are being made to have Jon Offutt provide glass blowing demonstrations throughout the day on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th. The tractor parade for



tractors & equipment 1972 or older will arrive at the fairgrounds around 2:30 pm on Saturday. The "Pedal Power Pull" will return on Sunday. Winners of the "Pedal Power Pull" will be determined by pulling a weighted sled the greatest distance. Bingo will be available during the fair at set time periods.

Youth ages 17 and younger will have an opportunity to win a bike on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Historically there have been approximately 12-15 bikes given away each year. The Clay County Fair Board would like to thank the Lions service organizations for the donations of the bikes. It is greatly appreciated. Exact times of the drawings will be listed in the premium book and posted at the fair board office during the fair.

The Conservation Building will feature conservation and agricultural-related booths and programs. The building will also include the Minnesota DNR "Wall of Shame" trailer. Plans are underway to convert a portion of the conservation building to an agriculture education center. Activities in this building are always informative and interesting.

Stop by the one-room school house to get a glimpse of what it was like to be educated in such a school.

The commercial vendors have been relocated and you will be able to find them in the 4-H Annex. They will be displaying and selling their merchandise. If you are a vendor and interested in having a booth at

the Clay County Fair, please contact the fair.

The Red River Valley Pullers Modified Truck and Tractor Pull will be in the Grandstand on Friday, July 10th beginning at 7:00 pm. The plans are for a bigger and even better truck and tractor pull. Please watch for more information as plans are finalized.

The popular "Demolition Derby" will return to the Grandstand on Saturday, July 11th beginning at 7:00 pm. Cars will bump and ram each other until there is only one car still running. Now is the time for potential drivers to start searching the junkyards and preparing a vehicle for the 2026 competition.

For more information on Grandstand activities, please contact Grandstand Coordinators Chris Bang (218-790-0053) and Bruce Nelson (218-329-3030). Admission prices to the grandstand events are \$20 for adults (12 years and older) and \$5 for youth (11 years and younger).

The free "Ranch Rodeo" will return to the North Horse Arena on Sunday, July 12th. Additional information including registration information will be available in the premium book.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival will return to the fair. There will be rides to excite as they whirl and twirl

through the air for all youngsters and those young-at-heart. For those looking for a thrill there is no better place than the Clay County Fair. The midway will also feature various games of skill and chance. Advance coupon specials will be available beginning early June through the day before the fair begins at various businesses throughout the county. Watch for the premium book which will identify these businesses.

The Clay County Fair Board works hard to provide an outstanding fair to the county. The Clay County Fair is proud of its long, ongoing history promoting agricultural products, talents, and events. This summer, grab family and friends and head to the fair.

The fair is a great place to socialize with friends, enjoy the exhibits, take in a livestock show, or attend any of the free events or grandstand events. There's something for everyone at the Clay County Fair. Admission into the Clay County Fair is free and parking is only \$5/vehicle per day or \$15/vehicle for all days of the fair.

For more information on events, please review the premium book which will be available in publication and on-line beginning in early June, fair tabloid to be distributed later this spring, or like them on Facebook at mnclaycountyfair.



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