

Welcome To The 112th Clay County Fair

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This summer the Clay County Fair will have its 112th fair beginning Thursday, July 9 and running through Sunday, July 12. The Clay County fair has been the heart of the summer, the event everyone looks forward to with a carnival, livestock, and everyone's favorite the fair food.

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.

During its four-day run, the Clay County Fair is proud to provide Clay County residents, as well as individuals living in the neighboring counties, the opportunity to showcase their livestock, crops and vegetables, and domestic crafts. The Clay County Fair is proud to be the showcase for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit the projects that they have worked on all year-long. The summer festival also offers a wide array of family fun entertainment and



educational displays.

Do you have a talent or skill that you are especially proud of? Take an opportunity to show it off at the fair. If you have a flower or vegetable garden, knit, sew, bake, draw or construct something, take photos, or almost any hobby, there is a class in which to exhibit.

Bring a pet or farm animal to be judged. Many competitive classes are available, including all varieties of garden and farm produce, floral exhibits, baked and canned goods, sewing, crafts, photography, hobbies and more. The more exhibitors who participate in the fair and

showcase their talents, the better the exhibit area will be at the fair. A bonus to showcasing your talent is getting a ribbon and possibly a small cash prize for your efforts.

A premium book publication listing all of the exhibit divisions, classes, and lots has been mailed out and is available on-line viewing at www.mnclaycountyfair.com.

On Thursday, July 9, people of all ages can enjoy the talent contest by competing or enjoying the talent of the participants. The talent show has categories for preteen (age 12 and under), teen (13 – 18 years old), and an open division for any age. Winners of the talent contest have an opportunity to compete at the Minnesota State Fair. Immediately following the talent

show will be the Mullet Pageant.

Come experience free entertainment on the band shelter also known as the "Main Stage". Events this year include Magician Tom Anderson (Friday) and kids show "The Dollipops" (Saturday). The evening shows on the Band Shelter will include Chloe Raye performing Thursday, July 9. Singer, musician Kayla Daniels performing on Friday, July 10. On Saturday, July 11, The Red Letter Band will conclude the evening. Rachael Ianiro will perform on the stage the afternoon of Sunday, July 12.

Two events being held on Thursday will be the "Touch-a-Truck" event in the grandstand area which will provide an opportunity for fair visitors to see big trucks up close and personal. The other event will be a "Jigsaw Puzzle" contest which will give teams of up to 4 members an opportunity to put together a provided puzzle in a set timeframe. Pre-registration is required to participate in the Jigsaw puzzle contest. Number of teams will be limited so get registered. In addition to the free events available at the band shelter.

Many other "free" activities are available throughout the fair

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