

Livestock Exhibits Remain Fair Tradition

The Clay County Fair has showcased animals raised by area residents of all ages for more than a century.

Fair officials are excited to bring back an abundance of events, activities and opportunities for families. Among those highlights are the livestock shows, which remain a meaningful part of the county fair tradition.

There are animal shows every day of the fair. Visitors can see a variety of animals and watch young livestock owners and trainers skillfully handle their animals in the show ring.

The animal shows are open to 4-H members, FFA members and those exhibiting in the Open Class division.

Animal science projects help guide 4-H and FFA youth as they learn about raising, feeding, caring for, judging, training and showing animals. Through those projects, youth also have the opportunity to explore careers working with animals.

One sign that tradition runs deep at the Clay County Fair can be seen in the number of youngsters exhibiting prospect calves, bulls or heifers. Boys and girls between the ages of four and eight lead young cattle into the show ring, often with an older brother, sister or parent close by to give assistance as needed.

Even at a young age, those exhibitors are learning about showmanship and the responsibility that comes with bringing an animal to the fair. The experience creates memories for exhibitors, families and fairgoers alike.



Come take in the livestock shows and enjoy a Clay County Fair tradition that continues to span generations.

For more information about livestock exhibits, contact Chris Bang at 218-790-0053.



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