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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. 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.

One thing that always goes with a county fair is the food. Come out and enjoy the treats of corn dogs, cheese curds, milk shakes & malts, mini donuts, fresh lemonade, tacos/nachos, pizza, and many more.

After walking through the exhibits, relax in the cool shade of the band shelter. It provides for a variety of free entertainment over the four-day fair.

On Thursday, July 9th, people of all ages can enjoy the talent contest by competing or enjoying the talent of the participants followed by the Mullet Pageant. The evening will conclude with the music of Chloe Raye, Nashville recording artist as she brings her Midwest roots into every song she writes.

On Friday, July 10th, fair visitors have the opportunity to take in magic shows by Magician Tom Anderson and Kayla Daniels will perform a free show in the evening. Kayla is a Nashville recording artist and singer/songwriter from Minnesota.

On Saturday, July 11th, fair visitors will have the opportunity to experience the children's show of The Dollypops, an interactive children's music show. Get ready to sing, dance, and laugh with the engaging, high-energy, highly interactive new kids' show. The Red Letter Band will conclude the evening at the Band Shelter with a free performance at 6:30 pm.

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 "Jigsaw Puzzle" contest which will give teams of up to 4 members an

opportunity to put together a provided puzzle in a set timeframe will be held on Thursday evening. Various departments of Clay County government will be on hand for Clay County Government Day on Friday. Clay County FFA Chapters will provide free ice cream cones/cups by the Children's Barnyard on Saturday. The tractor parade for tractors & equipment 1972 or older will arrive at the fairgrounds around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. The "Pedal Power Pull" will return on Sunday. Bingo will be available during the fair at set time periods. Commercial vendors will be located in the 4-H Annex.

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

Youth ages 17 and younger will have an opportunity to win a bike on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The Grandstand events for the fair this year will include the OI Time Tractor Puller Association Tractor Pull on Thursday beginning at 7:00 pm, Red River Valley Pullers Modified Truck and Tractor Pull on Friday beginning at 7:00 pm, and the Demolition Derby will be on Saturday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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. 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 mncaycountyfair.com.



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