



2026 CLAY COUNTY FREE FAIR
Red, White, and Blue Through the Decades
JULY 20th-26TH
Schedule of Events

PRE-FAIR

Saturday, June 20th

2:00 p.m.

4-H Favorite Foods Show, Clay County Event Center

Friday, June 26th

2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

RVED Entomology & Geology Judging, Republic County

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00 a.m.

4-H Fair Royalty Interviews, Clay County Event Center

Saturday, July 11th

9:00 a.m.

River Valley District 4-H Combined Dog Show, Cloud County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 14th

8:00 a.m.

4-H Visual Arts, Sewing and Textiles, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, & Photography Judging
Clay County Event Center

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

4-H Photography Judging Contest, Clay County Event Center

6:45 p.m.

Clay County 4-H Fair Royalty Crowning

7:00 p.m.

Public Fashion Revue, Clay County Event Center

Wednesday, July 15th

7:30 p.m.

4-H Jr. Leaders Cow Patty Bingo, Clay County Fairgrounds

8:00 p.m.

Clay County Rodeo, Rodeo Arena, Clay County Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 16th

7:30 p.m.

4-H Jr. Leaders Cow Patty Bingo, Clay County Fairgrounds

8:00 p.m.

Clay County Rodeo, Rodeo Arena, Clay County Fairgrounds

Friday, July 17th

5:30 p.m.

Clay County Fairgrounds Clean-up

Saturday, July 18th

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Open Class Horse Show Entry

9:00 a.m.

Open Class Horse Show, Rodeo Arena

Sunday, July 19th

7:00 p.m.

FREE Gospel Concert, "4 Gem's" – Clay Center UMC

FAIR WEEK

Monday, July 20th

3:00 p.m. 4-H Rocketry Launch at the Grandstand
7:00 p.m. Clay County Fair Festival Parade- from Grant Ave (in front of Lincoln Elementary), down 12th Street to Harriet Street continuing onto the Fairgrounds.
7:30 p.m. Pedal Pull Sign-up, Hogan Arena
8:00 p.m. Pedal Pull, Hogan Arena

Tuesday, July 21st

2:00 p.m. Cloverbuds Judging, Clay County Event Center
4:00-6:30 p.m. Enter all exhibits except Foods, Floriculture, Horticulture, Agronomy, & Pets
6:00-7:30 p.m. Enter all Market Beef for Fair Weigh-in at the Clay Veterinary Clinic. 423 Franklin St
6:00-8:00 p.m. Enter all livestock except Horses at the Livestock Barns. Breeding Animals check-in with Superintendents. Market Pigs, Goats & Sheep must be weighed with Extension Staff & Superintendents. Rabbits check-in at Rabbit Barn.

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:00-10:00 a.m. Enter all Horses, Horse Barn. Check in with Extension Staff & Superintendents.
8:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H and Open Class Poultry Check-In and Testing, Poultry Barn
8:00-9:30 a.m. Enter Open Class Foods, Clay County Event Center
8:00 a.m. 4-H Electrical, Rocketry, Astronomy, Ag Mechanics, Building Block Engineering, Computer Science, Robotics, Small Engines, & Uncrewed Aerial Systems Judging, Clay County Event Center
9:00 a.m. 4-H Individual Projects: Interior Design, Reading, Self-Determined, Shooting Sports, Sports Fishing/ Wildlife, and Vet Science Judging, 4-H Club Projects Judging, Club Project Judging, Clay County Event Center
9:00 a.m. Open Class Clothing & Textiles Judging, Clay County Event Center
9:00-11:00 a.m. Enter 4-H & Open Class Floriculture, Horticulture & Agronomy, Clay County Event Center
10:00 a.m. Open Class Ceramics, Craft & Paintings and Woodworking Judging, Clay County Event Center
10:00 a.m. Open Class Foods Judging, Clay County Event Center
10:00 a.m. 4-H Woodworking Judging. Clay County Event Center
11:00 a.m. 4-H Floriculture & Forestry Judging, Clay County Event Center
12:00 p.m. 4-H Foods Judging, Clay County Event Center
12:30 p.m. Open Class Floriculture Judging, Open Class Horticulture will follow Clay County Event Center
1:00 p.m. 4-H Horticulture & Agronomy Judging, Clay County Event Center
1:00 p.m. Open Class Photography Judging, Clay County Event Center
4:00-6:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Bake Sale, Clay County Event Center
4:00 p.m. Beef Carcass Scanning, Beef Barn
6:00 p.m. 4-H/ FFA Swine Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$25 at Ticket Booth)

Thursday, July 23rd

8:30 a.m. 4-H Pet Division Check-in, Clay County Event Center
9:00 a.m. 4-H Pet Judging, Clay County Event Center
9:00 a.m. 4-H/ FFA Meat Goat Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
10:00 a.m. 4-H/ FFA Dairy Goat Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
11:00 a.m. 4-H/ FFA Sheep Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
4:00 p.m. 4-H/ FFA Horse Show, Rodeo Arena
6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$30 at Ticket Booth)

Friday, July 24th

8:00 a.m.	4-H/ FFA Rabbit Show, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
9:00 a.m.	Decorated Desserts Judging, Clay County Event Center
10:00 a.m.	4-H/ FFA Poultry Show, Rabbit & Poultry Barn (Or immediately following the completion of the Rabbit Show.)
10:30 a.m.	"Meet Me At The Fair," Orrin Hogan Arena, Sponsored by the Clay County 4-H Ambassadors
12:00 p.m.	Bucket Calf Interviews, Clay County Event Center
1:30 p.m.	4-H/ FFA Dairy Cattle Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
2:00 p.m.	All 4-H Project Auction Forms, including Club Projects & Livestock (except Beef) are due to the Fair Office.
3:30 p.m.	Bucket Calf Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena (Or at end of Dairy Cattle Show)
4:30 p.m.	Decorated Bucket Calf, Orrin Hogan Arena
6:00 p.m.	4-H/ FFA Beef Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Stark Dance & Baton Studio, In front of stage
7:00 p.m.	FREE Water Courtesy of Grow Clay County & Clay County Farm Bureau, west of the restrooms.
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Range Land Revival, opening for Fast Times at Fairgrounds Stage.
8:00-10:00 p.m.	Fast Times, FREE concert on the Big Stage on the Fairgrounds Stage
8:00 p.m.	4-H Beef Auction forms are due to the Fair Office. If the Beef Show runs long, forms will be accepted for 30 minutes following the Beef Show.
5:00-11:00 p.m.	Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$35 at Ticket Booth)

Saturday, July 25th

All Day	Barnyard Olympics Registration-See Extension Staff to sign-up
8:30 a.m.	4-H/ FFA Round Robin Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
10:00 a.m.	4-H/ FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Orrin Hogan Arena
10:00 a.m.-Noon	FREE Horseback Rides, Sponsored by Cowboys For Christ, Rodeo Arena
1:30 p.m.	Corn Hole Tournament Registration, \$30 per team, Pre-Registration begins June 1 st
2:00 p.m.	Corn Hole Tournament
4:30 p.m.	4-H Awards Ceremony, Orrin Hogan Arena
5:30 p.m.	Decorated Desserts, Project, & Livestock Auction Orrin Hogan Arena
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Kennedy Anne of Range Land Revival, FREE Gazebo Entertainment
8:00 p.m.	Barnyard Olympics, Orrin Hogan Arena (Or following completion of Project Auction)
5:00-11:00 p.m.	Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$35 at Ticket Booth)

Sunday, July 26th

9:00 a.m.	Cowboy Church, Orrin Hogan Arena
10:30 a.m.	Livestock Exhibits Released
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds Livestock Area Clean-up
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	All Other Exhibits Released: Exhibit Building Clean-up