

2026 CLAY COUNTY FAIR

July 20 – 26, 2026

Schedule of Events

PRE-FAIR

Saturday, June 20

2:00 p.m. 4-H Favorite Foods Show, Clay County Event Center

Friday, June 26

2:00-4:00 a.m. RVED Entomology & Geology Judging, Republican County

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. 4-H Royalty Judging, Clay County Event Center

Saturday, July 11

9:00 a.m. River Valley 4-H Combined Dog Show, Cloud County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 a.m. 4-H Visual Arts, Clothing, 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 Fair Royalty Crowning

7:00 p.m. Public Fashion Revenue, Clay County Event Center

Wednesday, July 15

7:30 p.m. Cow Pie Bingo, West of the Rodeo Entrance

8:00 p.m. Rodeo, Rodeo Arena Clay County Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 16

7:30 p.m. Cow Pie Bingo, West of the Rodeo Entrance

8:00 p.m. Rodeo, Rodeo Arena Clay County Fairgrounds

Friday, July 17

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Clean-up

Saturday, July 18

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Open Class Horse Show Entry

9:00 a.m. Open Class Horse Show, Rodeo Arena

Sunday, July 19

7:00 p.m. FREE Gospel Concert, "4 Gem's", United Methodist Church

FAIR

Monday, July 20

3:00 p.m. 4-H Rocketry Launch at the Grandstand

7:00 p.m. Clay County Fair Parade, from Grant Ave (in front of Lincoln Elementary), down 12th Street to Harriet Street. Continuing on the Fair Grounds.

7:30 p.m. Pedal Pull Sign-up, Hogan Arena

8:00 p.m. Pedal Pull, Hogan Arena

Tuesday, July 21

2:00 p.m. Cloverbud Exhibit Judging, Clay County Event Center

4:00-6:30 p.m. Enter all exhibits except Foods, Floriculture, Horticulture & Crops, Pets, & Horses

6:00-7:30 p.m. Enter all Market Beef for Fair Weigh-in at the Clay Vet 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.

Wednesday, July 22

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, Rabbit-Poultry Barn. Check in with Extension Staff & Superintendents

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 Judging, Clay County Event Center

9:00 a.m. 4-H Individual Projects, Interior Design, Reading, Shooting Sports, Sports Fishing, Wildlife, Vet Science Judging, Club Bench 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 & Crops, Clay County Event Center

10:00 a.m. Open Class Ceramics, Crafts & Paintings, & Open Class Woodworking Judging, Clay County Event Center

10:00 a.m. Open Class Foods Judging, Clay County Event Center

10:30 a.m. 4-H Woodworking Judging, Clay County Event Center

11:00 a.m. 4-H Floriculture 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 Horticulture will follow Clay County Event Center

1:00 p.m. 4-H Horticulture & Crops Judging, Clay County Event Center

1:00 p.m. Open Class Photography Judging, Clay County Event Center

4:00-6:30 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. Swine Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena

6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$25 @ Ticket Booth)

Thursday, July 23

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. Meat Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena

10:00 a.m. Dairy Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena

11:00 a.m. Sheep Judging, 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 24

8:00 a.m. Rabbit Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn

9:00 a.m. Decorated Desserts Judging, Clay County Event Center

10:00 a.m. Poultry Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn (or immediately following Rabbit Judging)

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Friday, July 24 (Continued)

- 10:30 a.m. "Meet Us 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. Dairy Cattle Show, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 2:00 p.m. Project Auction entry deadline. All 4-H projects, including livestock, except Beef, must consign project auction exhibit to Fair Office
- 3:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 4:30 p.m. Decorated Bucket Calf, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Beef Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Stark Dance & Baton Studio, In front of Stage.
- 7:00-7:45 p.m. Range Land Revival, Opening for Fast Times
- 8:00-10:00 p.m. Fast Times, FREE Concert on the Fairgrounds Stage
- 8:00 p.m. 4-H Beef project auction entry deadline due to Fair Office
- 5:00-11:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$35 @ Ticket Booth)

Saturday, July 25

- 8 a.m-8 p.m. Barnyard Olympics Registration, Sign-up with an Extension Staff
- 8:30 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 10:00 a.m.- NOON Horseback Rides, FREE, Sponsored by Cowboys for Christ, Rodeo Arena
- 1:30 p.m. Registration for Corn Hole Tournament, \$30 per team, (pre-registration begins June 1)
- 2:00 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament
- 4:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Presentation, Orrin Hogan Arena.
- 5:30 p.m. Decorated Desserts, Project, & Livestock Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 8:00 p.m. Barnyard Olympics, or immediately after the Project Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE Gazebo Entertainment, Kennedy Anne of Range Land Revival.
- 5:00-11:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements (Armbands \$35 @ Ticket Booth)

Sunday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 10:30 a.m. Livestock Exhibits Released; with Superintendent approval
- 10:30 a.m. Fairgrounds Livestock Area Clean-up
- 10:30 a.m.-NOON All Other Exhibits Released, Clean-up to follow