

Clay County

Open Class



2026



**CLAY CO.
FAIR DATES**

**July 18-24,
2026**

Entry Date & Time:

July 15 & 16, 2026

from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

at the Clay County Fairgrounds

Crafts • Foods • Clothing

Fine Art • Photography

Gardening • Needlework

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2026 CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

ADULT & YOUTH OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

Clay County Farm Bureau is sponsoring an Adult & Youth Open Class in Home Economics at the Clay County 4-H Fair. **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANY ADULT OR YOUTH (INCLUDING 4-H MEMBERS & OTHERS) WHO ARE A CURRENT RESIDENT OF CLAY COUNTY.** The committee is urging all interested people to enter.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Entries in Adult & Youth Open Class exhibits are limited to present residents of Clay County or members of a Clay County Homemakers Club or 4-H Club.
2. Entrants must be 6 years of age and older.
3. **ARTICLES MUST HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE 2021 CLAY COUNTY FAIR.**
4. Entries are to be brought to the Exhibit Hall at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Thursday, July 14 3–7 p.m.
5. Entry forms are turned in with the exhibit.
6. Articles will be cared for, but the Fair will not be responsible for articles damaged, lost or broken.
7. All exhibits will receive ribbons. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in each category.
8. **ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED THURSDAY, JULY 21 6:00–9:00 P.M. AND ON FRIDAY, JULY 22 8:00 - 10 A.M. IN THE EXHIBIT HALL. YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN OUT EACH EXHIBIT.**
9. The committee will not be responsible for exhibits left after 9 p.m., Friday. All unclaimed exhibits will be taken to the Extension Office for pick-up.

FOOD RULES

1. All entries in the culinary department must be homemade. All entries must be signed in and signed out when exhibits are released. **ALL FOOD MUST HAVE A 4 X 6 CARD WITH PRINTED RECIPE** attached to the entry for judging. Please do not put your name on recipe card.
2. Exhibitors may make entries in as many categories as they desire: but only one entry can be made in any one class. Example: 1 cherry pie, 1 peach pie, 1 apple pie, but not 2 cherry pies.
3. Bring all food exhibits to the Fair in amounts stated and on a paper plate or cardboard and in a plastic bag, either ties or zip-lock. NO plastic wrap!

SAFETY RULES FOR FOODS ENTERED INTO COUNTY-AND STATE-WIDE COMPETITIONS:

- **Baked Product Competitions:**

Uncooked and cooked components, including filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, must not contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or uncooked eggs/egg whites (these require refrigeration).

- No **home-canned** fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted in products.
- Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product.
- Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods.
- Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41 degrees Fahrenheit).

Judges and individuals who will consume products from county and state competitions should be informed that they are at risk for food borne illness since the established policy cannot guarantee that an entry which is a potentially hazardous food has been properly prepared or handled before, during or following the competition.

FOOD PRESERVATION COMPETITIONS - CANNING ENTRIES

1. Display products in regular canning jars. All products must be displayed with seal and ring.
2. Canned products will not be opened and tasted.
3. ALL FOOD PRESERVATION ENTRIES MUST HAVE 4 X 6 CARD WITH PRINTED RECIPE attached to the entry for the judging. Please do not put your name on recipe card. INCLUDE METHOD OF CANNING USED (i.e. waterbath or pressure canner).

FOODS & FOODS PRESERVATION

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

All Food Entries See Food Safety Rules on Page 4

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

CATEGORY 1 - CANDY (EXHIBIT 4 PIECES PER CLASS)

- ___a. Chocolate Fudge
- ___b. Peanut Butter Fudge
- ___c. Divinity
- ___d. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 2 - PIES (EXHIBIT 1/6 PIE PER CLASS)

- ___a. Cherry
- ___b. Peach
- ___c. Apple
- ___d. Berry or any kind
- ___f. Raisin
- ___g. Apricot
- ___h. Other

CATEGORY 3 - CAKES (EXHIBIT 1/6 OF CAKE OR 3 CUPCAKES)

- ___a. Angel Food or chiffon without icing
- ___b. Layered Cake iced
- ___c. Bundt cake
- ___d. Cupcakes- Plain
- ___e. Cupcakes- Decorated
- ___f. Other

CATEGORY 4 - COOKIES (EXHIBIT 4 COOKIES PER CLASS)

- ___a. Drop
- ___b. Sugar
- ___c. Bar or Brownies
- ___d. Refrigerator
- ___e. Pressed
- ___f. Other

CATEGORY 5 - YEAST BREAD (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Yeast Rolls (Exhibit 3 rolls)
- ___b. White Bread (Exhibit 1/4 loaf)
- ___c. Other flour bread (rye, etc.) (Exhibit 1/4 loaf)
- ___d. Sweet Breads (Exhibit 1/4 tea ring, 3 rolls, etc.)
- ___e. Machine Baked Bread (Exhibit 1/2 loaf)

CATEGORY 6 - BISCUITS (EXHIBIT 3 BISCUITS PER CLASS)

- ___a. Dropped
- ___b. Rolled
- ___c. Specialty

CATEGORY 7 - QUICK BREADS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Fruit Bread 1/6 loaf
- ___b. Vegetable Bread 1/6 loaf
- ___c. Nut Bread 1/6 loaf
- ___d. Any other variety
- ___e. Muffins (exhibit 3 muffins)

CATEGORY 8 - MICROWAVING (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. One Layer Cake (Exhibit 1/6)
- ___b. Cookies (Exhibit 4)
- ___c. Candy (Exhibit 4)
- ___d. Muffins or Quick Bread (Exhibit 3 or 1/4 loaf)

CATEGORY 9 - CANNED/FREEZER SPREADS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Preserves, any kind
- ___b. Jelly, any kind
- ___c. Jam, any kind
- ___d. Fruit Butter
- ___e. Freezer Jam
- ___f. Honey

CATEGORY 10 - CANNED PICKLED FOODS (1 JAR PER CLASS)

- ___a. Dill pickles (cucumber)
- ___b. Sweet pickles (cucumber)
- ___c. Miscellaneous pickles (i.e. watermelon, beets, etc.)
- ___d. Relish
- ___e. Salsa

CATEGORY 11 - CANNED FRUITS CLASS (1 JAR PER CLASS)

- ___a. Peaches
- ___b. Apples
- ___c. Berries
- ___d. Cherries
- ___e. Applesauce
- ___f. Pears
- ___g. Other

CATEGORY 12 - CANNED VEGETABLES (1 JAR PER CLASS)

- ___a. Green beans
- ___b. Corn
- ___c. Tomatoes
- ___d. Tomato Juice
- ___e. Other

NEEDLEWORK

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

**CATEGORY 13 - HAND QUILTS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)
(PIECED BY HAND OR MACHINE, QUILTED BY HAND BY EXHIBITOR.)**

- ___a. Pieced
- ___b. Appliquéd
- ___c. Embroidery
- ___d. Other

**CATEGORY 14 - HAND QUILTS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)
(EXHIBIT PIECED BY HAND OR MACHINE, QUILTED BY HAND BY OTHER THAN EXHIBITOR.)**

- ___a. Pieced
- ___b. Appliquéd
- ___c. Embroidery
- ___d. Other

**CATEGORY 15 - MACHINE QUILTS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)
(PIECED BY HAND OR MACHINE, QUILTED BY MACHINE BY SAME PERSON.)**

- ___a. Pieced
- ___b. Appliquéd
- ___c. Embroidery
- ___d. Other

**CATEGORY 16 - MACHINE QUILTS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)
(PIECED BY HAND OR MACHINE BY EXHIBITOR, QUILTED BY MACHINE OTHER THAN EXHIBITOR.)**

- ___a. Pieced
- ___b. Appliquéd
- ___c. Embroidery
- ___d. Other

CATEGORY 17 - KNITTED (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Afghans
- ___b. Cape or Stole
- ___c. Sweater or Vest
- ___d. Machine
- ___e. Doily
- ___f. Other

**CATEGORY 18 - WALL HANGING (MUST BE READY TO HANG FOR DISPLAY WITH LOOPS, DOWEL ROD, ETC.)
(1 ENTRY PER CLASS)**

- ___a. Quilted
- ___b. Woven
- ___c. Embroidered
- ___d. Other

CATEGORY 19 - NEEDLEWORK (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Crewel
- ___b. Candlewicking/ Chicken Scratch
- ___c. Needlepoint
- ___d. Embroidery
- ___e. Other

CATEGORY 20 - COUNTED CROSS STITCH (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Picture
- ___b. Ornaments
- ___c. Other

CATEGORY 21 - CROCHETED ITEMS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Afghans
- ___b. Cape or Stole
- ___c. Sweater or Vest
- ___d. Doily
- ___e. Dolls
- ___f. Other

CATEGORY 22 - FLEECE (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Throw
- ___b. Pillow
- ___c. Scarf
- ___d. Wall Hanging
- ___e. Other

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

CATEGORY 23 - HANDCRAFTED TOYS & DOLLS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Doll
- ___b. Animal
- ___c. Toys suitable for children

CATEGORY 24 - PILLOWS (1 PILLOW OR A MATCHED PAIR PER CLASS)

- ___a. Knitted
- ___b. Crocheted
- ___c. Needle Point
- ___d. Counted Cross Stitch
- ___e. Embroidery
- ___f. Quilted
- ___g. Any Other

CATEGORY 25 - DECORATING OF READY MADE GARMENT & ACCESSORIES (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Appliquéd
- ___b. Painted
- ___c. Needlepoint
- ___d. Knitted or Crocheted
- ___e. Other

CATEGORY 26 - COUNTRY CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

(Denim, Chambray, Gingham, etc. - fabrics of this type must be used)

- ___a. Jumper or skirt
- ___b. Jacket or coat
- ___c. Vest
- ___d. Purse
- ___e. Dress
- ___f. Other

CATEGORY 27 - CLOTHING (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Family Outfits 2 or more
- ___b. Dresses
- ___c. Separates
- ___d. Coats & Suits & etc.
- ___e. My Choice
- ___f. Men's
- ___g. Boy's
- ___h. Girl's
- ___i. Wedding Gowns

CATEGORY 28 - RUGS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Crocheted
- ___b. Braided
- ___c. Hand Loom
- ___d. Other

CATEGORY 29 - TABLE RUNNER/PLACEMATS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___a. Quilted
- ___b. Hand Loom
- ___c. Appliquéd
- ___d. Other



ARTS & CRAFTS

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

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MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

CATEGORY 30 - CERAMICS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Hand formed, glazed or unglazed
- ___ b. Mold, glazed
- ___ c. Mold, stained
- ___ d. Other

CATEGORY 31 - SEASONAL DECORATION (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Table Decorations
- ___ b. Lawn Decoration
- ___ c. Any other Homemade Decoration

CATEGORY 32 - CHINA PAINTING (SINGLE ITEM OR MATCHED SET PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Jewelry
- ___ b. Plates
- ___ c. Other

CATEGORY 33 - WOOD (INCLUDE A 4 X 6 CARD WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WORK DONE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT)

(1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Refinished/Restore
- ___ b. Large Hand Crafted Item (i.e. furniture, etc.)
- ___ c. Small Hand Crafted Item (i.e. towel dispenser, etc.)
- ___ d. Caning
- ___ e. Other

CATEGORY 34 - MISCELLANEOUS (INCLUDE A 4 X 6 CARD WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WORK DONE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT)

(1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Article made from Recycled or scrap materials
- ___ b. Jewelry
- ___ c. Other



CATEGORY 35 - WREATH (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Holiday
- ___ b. Seasonal
- ___ c. Other

CATEGORY 36 - FLORAL TABLE ARRANGEMENT (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Any combination of dried or silk flowers

CATEGORY 37 - BASKETS (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Reed
- ___ b. Crocheted
- ___ c. Cord
- ___ d. Other

CATEGORY 38 - PAPER CRAFTING (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Scrapbooking (Limited to one scrapbook, not more than 20 pages)

- ___ b. Greeting Cards (Exhibit one card)

Committee will provide display materials

- ___ c. Greeting Cards—Exhibit a series not to exceed 5 cards

Committee will provide display materials

- ___ d. Quilling (Limited to one item using quilling)

- ___ e. Miscellaneous Paper Craft

CATEGORY 39 - PUZZLES (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Framed
- ___ b. 3-Dimensional
- ___ c. Other

PAINTING

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)



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MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

CATEGORY 42 - OIL PAINTING AND DRAWING (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Landscape
- ___ c. Nature
- ___ d. Other

CATEGORY 44 - WATER COLOR PAINTING AND DRAWING (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Landscape
- ___ c. Nature
- ___ d. Other

CATEGORY 46 - PAINTING & DRAWING WITH CHALK, PENCIL CHARCOAL, INK OR OTHER (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Landscape
- ___ c. Nature
- ___ d. Other

PHOTOGRAPHY

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)

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- All entries must be matted as indicated below. No framed photos or photos mounted on foam board will be accepted. The judges look for: impact, center of interest, composition, technique, print quality, presentation, storytelling, universal appeal, creates emotion or feeling.
- Photos up to 5" x 7" must be mounted on an 8" x 10" mat board.
- Photos up to 8" x 10" must be mounted on an 11" x 14" mat board.
- All prints must be original exposure made by exhibitor. The exact photo cannot be entered in more than one category. Committee reserves the right to reject any images or text deemed inappropriate.
- Exhibitors may enter up to 6 pictures (one in each class) in Categories 47, 48, and 49.

CATEGORY 47 - PHOTOGRAPHY BLACK & WHITE

(1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Nature/Scenic
- ___ c. Nature/Flora
- ___ d. Animals/Insects
- ___ e. Human Interest
- ___ f. Unclassified

CATEGORY 48 - PHOTOGRAPHY COLOR

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Nature/Scenic
- ___ c. Nature/Flora
- ___ d. Animals/Insects
- ___ e. Human Interest
- ___ f. Unclassified

CATEGORY 49 TONED/SEPIA (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Portrait
- ___ b. Nature/Scenic
- ___ c. Nature/Flora
- ___ d. Animals/Insects
- ___ e. Human Interest
- ___ f. Unclassified

CATEGORY 50 - SELFIE (1 ENTRY PER CLASS)

- ___ a. Single portrait
- ___ b. Group (2 or more people)

GARDENING

OPEN CLASS ENTRY BLANK

Indicate entry or entries with check mark (✓)



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MARK YOUR AGE CATEGORY: ADULT YOUTH 6-11 YOUTH 12-17

CATEGORY 52 - HOME GROWN PRODUCE - VEGETABLES

- ___ a. Tomatoes (Exhibit 3)
- ___ b. Green Beans (Exhibit 10)
- ___ c. Cabbage (Exhibit 1 head)
- ___ d. Peppers (Exhibit 3)
- ___ e. Beets (Exhibit 3)
- ___ f. Zucchini (Exhibit 3)
- ___ g. Cucumbers (Exhibit 3)
- ___ h. Potatoes (Exhibit 5)
- ___ i. Other

CATEGORY 53 - HOME GROWN PRODUCE - FRUITS

- ___ a. Cherries (Exhibit 10)
- ___ b. Berries (Exhibit 10)
- ___ c. Miscellaneous (Exhibit 3-10)

**Champion or Reserve Champion for One Entry in Above Categories