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August 12-15, 2026

OPEN CLASS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Clay County Fair

2026 Open Class Division Exhibit Book

1. **All Open Class exhibits will be entered on Monday, August 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.** No entries accepted after 6 p.m. on Monday, August 10. All exhibits will be released between 10:00 and 11:00 am on Sunday, August 16. All exhibits **MUST BE checked out with Open Class committee for exhibitor protection.**
2. **Junior Junior Division.** This division is defined as youth in pre-school and pre-kindergarten prior to the County Fair. Children in this age group usually need more help from a parent. Participants will receive a participation ribbon for their entries. Projects do not need to be finished (ie. No hangers or frames required). See the Junior Junior Division page showing the areas exhibitors can enter in.
3. **JUNIOR ONLY DIVISION.** Junior is defined as youth in Kindergarten through 5th grade prior to County Fair. Youth are not limited to the Junior page. Exhibits will be judged according to rules of the division. Projects do not need to be finished (ie. No hangers or frames required)
4. Department Awards - All exhibits will be awarded ribbons. Best of Show, second and third place exhibits will be awarded by the judge from each department with at least 5 entries. Best of Show will receive \$15, \$10 and \$5 cash prize, respectively. Awards will be provided by the Clay County Fair Board. **Please note: Exhibitors are not eligible to win Best of Show in a department two (2) years in a row. Contest winners are not eligible for Best of Show.**
5. Exhibitors must be legal residents of Clay County or adjacent counties.
6. The Clay County Fair Association will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits. Every precaution is taken for the safekeeping of exhibits.
7. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed since August 2025 and not exhibited at any previous Clay County Fair.
8. Exhibitors may enter in as many classes as desired, but no more than three entries per lot. **Exhibits must demonstrate different learning experiences or techniques.**
9. Judging will be conducted without spectators.
10. Judges decision is final.
11. Exhibit pre-registration is not required. If you would like to complete entry tags before entry time, tags can be picked up at the Fair Office prior to or during entry times.
12. **We are always in need of volunteers for registration night and helping the judges. If you would like to help, please call the office.**

Contact the fair office for more information:

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2020

OPEN CLASS CONTESTS

Photo Contest Military/Patriotic

Class 67 Black/White -Lot 533

Class 68 Color -Lot 543

Class 69-Lot 545 & 546 Special Techniques

The top three overall entries in open class and 4-H will receive cash prizes of:

1st prize.....\$50
2nd prize.....\$25
3rd prize.....\$10



Patriotic Plant Collections

Class 44 Lot 377, 378, or 379

Class 46 Lot 383, or 384

Class 48 Lot 388, 389, 390, or 392

The top three overall entries in this class will receive cash prizes of:

1st prize.....\$50
2nd prize.....\$25
3rd prize.....\$10



Requirements: All exhibits must be real flowers, vines and/or plants. No artificial materials.

Patriotic/Military Quilts

Class 71 Hand pieced and quilted by exhibitor, any size

Class 72 Machine pieced and quilted by exhibitor, any size

Class 73 Combination

Class 74 Made by Exhibitor, quilted by another person, any size

Class 75 Quilting Creations

Class 76 Beginner Quilter (less than 5 years in class)

The top three overall entries in this contest will receive cash prizes of:

1st prize.....\$50
2nd prize.....\$25
3rd prize.....\$10



Patriotic Novelties

Class 83 Lot 620 Patriotic Art

Class 83 Lot 621 Patriotic Craft

Class 83 Lot 622 Patriotic Needlework

Class 83 Lot 623 Patriotic Wood

The top three overall entries in this contest will receive cash prizes of:

1st prize.....\$50
2nd prize.....\$25
3rd prize.....\$10



Please see Open Class book for more information about each area.

JUNIOR JUNIOR DIVISION

Pre-school and pre-kindergarten age prior to 2026 County Fair.

CLASS 01: FOODS

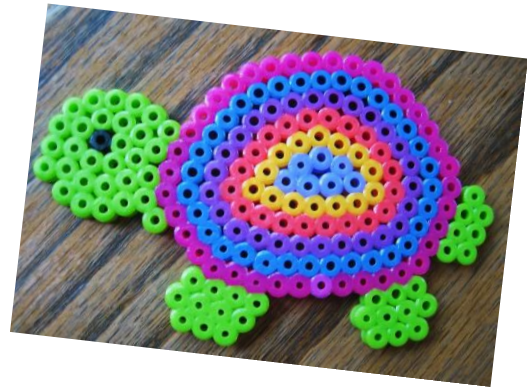
- Lot 101: Muffins
- Lot 102: Drop Cookies
- Lot 103: Unbaked Bars
- Lot 104: Brownies



CLASS 02: CRAFTS

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 105: Paper Crafts (Handmade Greeting Cards, Paper Plate Animals)
- Lot 106: Felt (Sewing Kit Animals)
- Lot 107: Foam (Sewing Kit Animals, Wreaths)
- Lot 108: Mosaic (Sticker Art)
- Lot 109: Bead work (Beaded Pets, Friendship, Jewelry-Pony Beads, Perler Beads, Spray Beads)
- Lot 110: Clay Art / Play Dough®
- Lot 111: Holiday (Any Holiday Themed Craft)
- Lot 112: Summer Art Camp artwork
- Lot 113: Other than named



CLASS 03: Paint and Pigment

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 114: Acrylic Painting
- Lot 115: Watercolor Painting
- Lot 116: Other Than Named (Dilly Dot)

CLASS 04: LEGO CONSTRUCTION

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 117: Small Lego Kits. Maximum size 12" width by 12" length by 18" height. Exhibit in a sturdy 'pop flat' box so it can be easily moved.



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JUNIOR DIVISION

Kindergarten through 5th grade prior to 2026 County Fair.

CLASS 05: CREATIVE CRAFTS

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 118:** Plaster Craft (Garden Stepping Stones)
- Lot 119:** Fabric Craft (Fleece-Tied Blanket, Tie-Dye, Canvas Shoes, Clothing Items, Felt Sewing)
- Lot 120:** Metal Craft (Recycled Tin Cans)
- Lot 121:** Paper Craft (Origami, Handmade Greeting Card, Scrapbooking)
- Lot 122:** Plastic Craft (Decorated Flip-Flops)
- Lot 123:** Bead Craft (Jewelry or Accessories, Perler Beads, Spray Beads)
- Lot 124:** Loom Project (Loop De Loo, Spinning Loom, Bracelets, Necklaces, Head Bands, Rubber Bands)
- Lot 125:** Wood Craft, purchased and finished by exhibitor (Bird House Kit, Memory Box, Small Stool)
- Lot 126:** Model Kit, glue or snap (Car, Truck, etc.)
- Lot 127:** Clay Art/Play Doh®
- Lot 128:** Other than named

CLASS 06: Art

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 129:** Paint by Number (Velvet Art, Diamond Painting)
- Lot 130:** Acrylic Painting (Molded/Kit)
- Lot 131:** Watercolor painting
- Lot 132:** Mandala
- Lot 133:** Drawing (Graphite or Colored Pencil)
- Lot 134:** Painted Memory Box, Picture Frame or Shelf
- Lot 135:** Other than named (Dilly Dots)



CLASS 07: LEGO® CONSTRUCTION

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 136:** Lego® Construction - maximum size 12" width by 12" length by 18" height. Exhibit in a sturdy 'pop flat' box so it can be easily moved.

CLASS 8: STEM PROJECTS

Exhibits must be completed since August 2024.

- Lot 137:** Any Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematic Project (Examples: snap circuits, any robotics, rockets). Exhibit in a sturdy 'pop flat' box so it can be easily moved.



**For the most up-to-date fair schedule, go to
the Clay County Fair website at
www.claycountyfair.net**

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Crops, Grains & Seeds

Grown by exhibitor in 2025/26.
No other samples are eligible.

CLASS 10 – Eggs

All eggs are judged on exterior qualities only. Exhibit 1 dozen eggs in a carton.

- Lot 200: White eggs
- Lot 201: Cream Eggs
- Lot 202: Brown Eggs
- Lot 203: Other

CLASS 11 – CORN

- Lot 204: Shelled corn exhibit 2 quarts
- Lot 205: Ear Corn exhibit 5 ears
- Lot 206: Popcorn exhibit 5 ears
- Lot 207: Hobby Corn exhibit 5 ears

CLASS 12 – GRAINS

- Lot 208: Oat exhibit 1 quart
- Lot 209: Spring Wheat exhibit 1 quart
- Lot 210: Soybeans exhibit 1 qt
- Lot 211: Other Than Named

CLASS 13– SHEAF OF GRAINS OR ROUGHAGE

- Lot 212: Any variety

CLASS 14 – TALLEST PLANT OR WEED

- Lot 213: Crop Plant
- Lot 214: Weed
- Lot 215: Sunflower



ART DEPARTMENT

Exhibits must be ready to hang for wall display. No size limit. Do not use tape hangers. Exhibits must be completed after August 2025.

CLASS 15 – PAINT & PIGMENT

- Lot 225: Home Décor Item
- Lot 226: Wall or door hangings
- Lot 227: Barn Quilt, 16" x 16" maximum size
- Lot 228: Other Than Named

CLASS 16 – PAINTINGS, ANY SIZE

- Lot 229: Oil Painting
- Lot 230: Acrylic Painting
- Lot 231: Water Color
- Lot 232: Tempura
- Lot 233: Pastels, Chalk, Mixed Media
- Lot 234: Other Than Named

CLASS 17– DRAWING, ANY SIZE

- Lot 235: Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Scratchboard, Mixed Media, etc.

CLASS 18 – GRAPHIC ARTS, ANY SIZE

- Lot 236: Etching, Lithography, Silk Screen, Engraving, Wood Cut
- Lot 237: Printmaking, Paper Marbling, Calligraphy, Stenciling
- Lot 238: Creative Cards -computer generated
- Lot 239: Digital Scrapbooking

CLASS 19 – SCULPTURE

- Lot 240: Metal, wood, plastics, clay or any media that judge considers to be a sculpture.

CLASS 20 – ADULT COLORING, ANY SIZE

- Please place in plastic sleeve
- Lot 241: Abstract
- Lot 242: Mandalas
- Lot 243: Plants/Flowers
- Lot 244: Animals
- Lot 245: Patterns
- Lot 246: Other Than Named

CRAFT DEPARTMENT

Exhibits must be completed after August 2025.

CLASS 22 – CERAMICS

- Lot 250: Hand-Built - fired, any finish
- Lot 251: Hand-Molded - clay, any finish
- Lot 252: Greenware* - any finish
- Lot 253: Bisque** (any finish)
- *Judged on cleaning and finish.
- **Judged on finish.

CLASS 23 – GLASS

- Entries are done on colored or clear glass. Can be sandblasted, etched or other glass techniques.
- Lot 254: Stained Glass
- Lot 255: Painted Glass
- Lot 256: Fused Glass
- Lot 257: Other Than Named

CLASS 24 – HOLIDAY, ANY

- Lot 258: Any craft using any holiday theme

CLASS 25 – BEADWORK

- Lot 259: Jewelry - minimum 2 items
- Lot 260: Hemp Jewelry - knotted
- Lot 261: Accessories - purse, pouch, bag
- Lot 262: Other Than Named

CLASS 26 – CREATIVE CRAFTS

- Lot 263: Metal Craft - tin punch, etc.
- Lot 264: String or Wire Art
- Lot 265: Basket Weaving - reed or fabric
- Lot 266: Leather
- Lot 267: Decoupage
- Lot 268: Stuffed Toy made from any fabric animals, dolls, etc.
- Lot 269: Doll Wardrobe any size doll. May display on doll or on display board, coat, hat, sports outfit, dress, pajamas, robe
- Lot 270: Paint on Fabric - canvas shoes, sweatshirt, shirt, pants, tote bags, etc.
- Lot 271: Other Than Named

CLASS 27 - PAPER CRAFTS

- Lot 272: Paper Folding, Cutting or Quilling
- Lot 273: Greeting Cards hand-made
- Lot 274: Scrapbook Layout - two-page layout, one theme, any size paper. Must be in page protector, pages only to be judged, and no albums.
- Lot 275: Other Than Named

CLASS 28 – RECYCLED

Must include a 'before' picture.

- Lot 276: Furniture
- Lot 277: Plastic
- Lot 278: Glass
- Lot 279: Cloth/Fabric
- Lot 280: Other Than Named

CLASS 29 – WOOD CRAFTS

- Lot 281: Small wood article purchased and finished by exhibitor. Examples: memory box, shelf, birdhouse kit



CULINARY DEPARTMENT

All items are to be exhibited on a paper plate or cardboard base enclosed in a Ziploc-type bag. All food items must be able to be served and stored at room temperature. **A recipe must accompany all culinary exhibits on a 3" X 5" recipe card.** Please note only a portion of each culinary exhibit will be put on display.

Lesaffre/Red Star Yeast Corporation encourages youth and adults to enter their favorite recipe in the Breads Department. They will sponsor coupons for all contestants entering in any yeast culinary class.

CLASS 30 – YEAST BREAD & ROLLS

- Lot 300:** Dinner Rolls - cloverleaf, parker house, finger rolls, hamburger buns - exhibit three
Lot 301: Yeast Bread any variety – exhibit 1 loaf
Lot 302: Yeast Bread no-knead batter - exhibit 1 loaf
Lot 303: Other Than Named

CLASS 31 – SWEET YEAST BREAD & ROLLS

- Lot 304:** Caramel Rolls no nuts - exhibit 3
Lot 305: Cinnamon Rolls - exhibit 3
Lot 306: Braided Tea Ring
Lot 307: Holiday Ethnic Bread
Lot 308: Coffee Cake
Lot 309: Raised Doughnuts -exhibit 3
Lot 310: Other Than Named

CLASS 32 - QUICK BREAD

- Lot 311:** Coffee Cake
Lot 312: Scones
Lot 313: Holiday Fruit Bread - using one or more fruits or nuts
Lot 314: Muffins any type -exhibit 3
Lot 315: Cake Doughnuts -exhibit 3
Lot 316: Non-Yeast Bread baked in bread loaf pan - example: banana, etc.
Lot 317: Other Than Named

CLASS 33 - BREAD MACHINE BREAD

Bread must be at least a one-pound loaf.
Lot 318: Any Variety
Lot 319: Dough Only - dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, crescent rolls, raised doughnuts, exhibit 3

CLASS 34 – CAKES

8" round or square pan. No box mixes. No frosting on cakes.
Lot 320: Bundt Cake
Lot 321: Sponge, Chiffon, or Angel Food

- Lot 322:** Jelly Roll
Lot 323: Single Layer Cake - any flavor

CLASS 35 – COOKIES

- Exhibit 3 in each lot.
Lot 324: Refrigerator
Lot 325: Dropped
Lot 326: Molded
Lot 327: Pressed
Lot 328: Rolled & Cut
Lot 329: Unbaked Cookie

CLASS 36 – BARS

- May use nuts, chips or fruit. Exhibit 3 in each lot.
Lot 330: Brownies
Lot 331: Layer Bars baked
Lot 332: Unbaked Bars
Lot 333: Bars any variety

CLASS 37 - ETHNIC FOOD

A recipe and explanation of ethnic origin and tradition should accompany exhibits. Examples: Fattigmand, Julekaka, Kringla, Kuchen, Lefse, Rosettes, Stollen, Krumkake, Oriental, etc.
Lot 334: Nationality Food Exhibit

CLASS 38 - CANDY

- Include name of candy on exhibit card. Must be homemade. Exhibit 6 pieces in each lot.
Lot 335: Fudge any variety
Lot 336: Mints
Lot 337: Caramels
Lot 338: Brittle any variety
Lot 339: Microwave Candy any type
Lot 340: Dipped Candy
Lot 341: Almond Bark any variety
Lot 342: Cereal Candy any variety

CLASS 39 - SOY BAKED GOODS

- Exhibit must contain a soy product. **Recipe must have a minimum of one-half cup soy protein and/or combination.** Exhibit must be food safe when stored at room temperature. Recipe must accompany exhibit.
Lot 343: Cake
Lot 344: Bread
Lot 345: Muffin
Lot 346: Cookie/Bar

CLASS 40 – FOOD CREATIONS USING HONEY

- Exhibit must contain honey.** Exhibit must be food safe when stored at room temperature.
Lot 347: Cake one layer
Lot 348: Cookie or Bar - exhibit 3
Lot 349: Bread exhibit - 1 loaf
Lot 350: Muffins exhibit 3

CLASS 41 – GLUTEN FREE FOODS

Exhibit must be food safe when stored at room temperature.

- Lot 351:** Cake, one layer
Lot 352: Cookie or Bar - exhibit 3
Lot 353: Breads - exhibit 1 loaf
Lot 354: Muffins - exhibit 3
Lot 355: Other Than Named

CLASS 42 - CREATIVE MIX TRICKS

Convenience food prepared differently than original package directions. No frosting. Must be baked. Originality will be considered in judging. Food must be safe when stored at room temperature.
Lot 356: Using Cake Mix
Lot 357: Using Cookie Mix
Lot 358: Using Muffin Mix
Lot 359: Other Than Named



FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT

All exhibits must be real flowers, vines and/or plants. No artificial material. Leave some foliage – do not remove all leaves on fresh flowers - only those that extend in the water. Exhibitor must bring unlabeled container for exhibit. Small, easily-tipped containers are not acceptable.

CLASS 43 - CUT FLOWERS

- Lot 375:** Flower Large - 1 stem - name of flower included on entry card
Lot 376: Flowers Other- 3 stems - name of flower included on entry card

CLASS 44 - ARRANGEMENTS

To be exhibited in artistic container, suitability of container to arrangement will be considered in judging. Small accessories permitted.
Lot 377: Roses - 5 or more
Lot 378: Bouquet - mixed varieties and colors - name of flowers on entry card
Lot 379: Bouquet - single variety and color - name of flower on entry card

CLASS 45 - HOUSE AND FLOWERING PLANTS

One (1) specimen per pot. Plant name to be included on entry card
Lot 380: House Plant - Any Variety
Lot 381: Hanging Flowering Pot
Lot 382: Other Flowering Plant

CLASS 46 - POTTED PLANTS FOLIAGE

One or more specimens in container.
Plant name to be included on entry card.
Lot 383: Potted Plant - Any Variety
Lot 384: Hanging Potted Foliage Plant

CLASS 47 – SUCCULENTS

Name of succulent variety to be included on entry card
Lot 385: Cactus
Lot 386: Other Succulents
Lot 387: Dish Garden, cactus and/or succulents - three to five varieties growing in a container suitable for an indoor arrangement.



CLASS 48 - COLLECTION OF PLANTS

Grown in one container. Plant names to be included on entry card.
Lot 388: Foliage Plants - 3 varieties
Lot 389: Hanging Basket - 3 to 5 varieties, blooming plants and colorful foliage
Lot 390: Terrarium - planted with one or more varieties for artistic effect
Lot 391: Stump or log gardens - two or more varieties, diameter of stump or log not to exceed 24 inches, must be self-supporting.
Lot 392: Mixed Patio Planter

CLASS 49– DRIED FLOWERS

Exhibit should be fully dry. Exhibits should be collected in a bundle and wrapped in florist's tissue. Exhibit may be dried by air, water or microwave. Glycerin, silica gel maybe used. Freeze-dry materials, artificial colors, sprays and dyes are not permitted. Flower name to be included on entry card.
Lot 393: Dried Flower - Any Variety
Lot 394: Potpourri - flower petals and leaves preserved for fragrant qualities, arranged in attractive container.
Lot 395: Dried Seed Head or Pressed Flower - collection of 3 to 10 varieties of flowers or leaves attractively displayed on a solid background in an 8"x10" standing photo frame.

FOOD PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

Exhibits must be in standard clear glass jars: one-half pint, one pint, and one quart size as noted in the classes. Jelly, jam and preserves must be in standard one-half pint jars, sealed and processed. Exhibit one jar in each lot. ALL food preservation must be processed by boiling water bath or pressure canner. **Please fill out food preservation form at back of the book and include with entry.** Processing times must follow USDA recommendations. Screw band ring should accompany exhibit. **Jam, jelly and preserves will be opened for tasting.** Exhibits must have been processed/preserved after August 2022. Refer to the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the National Center for Home Food Preservation website, http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html.

CLASS 50 - CANNED AND PRESERVED FRUITS AND JUICES

Lot 400: Any food classified as fruit

CLASS 51 - CANNED AND PRESERVED VEGETABLES AND JUICES

Lot 401: Any food classified as a vegetable

CLASS 52 – PICKLES, RELISHES, SALSAS & SAUCES

Lot 402: Any variety

CLASS 53 – JAMS, JELLIES, PRESERVES, HONEY AND BUTTERS

Lot 403: Any kind of berry, fruit or vegetable

CLASS 54 – DRIED FOODS

Lot 404: Fruit Leather - exhibit equivalent to ½ cup
Lot 405: Dried Fruit - exhibit ¼ cup
Lot 406: Dried Vegetables exhibit ¼ cup
Lot 407: Dried Herbs (1 oz. mostly leaves)
Lot 408: Other Than Named

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Exhibit on a white paper plate.

CLASS 55 GARDEN VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

Lot 425: Apples any variety - exhibit 3 with stems
Lot 426: Snap Beans - pods should have one-fourth to one-half inch stems - exhibit 5 pods
Lot 427: Beets – 1 – 2 ½" diameter, do not remove tap root, trim tops to 1" - exhibit 3
Lot 428: Broccoli Head – 3" stalk, at least 6" long, exhibit 1 head
Lot 429: Cabbage do not remove wrapper leaves, one-fourth inch long stems, exhibit 1 head
Lot 430: Carrot, Medium - 4 to 6", do not remove tip or root, trim top to 1", exhibit 3
Lot 431: Carrot, Long – 6" and over, do not remove tip or root, trim top to 1", exhibit 3
Lot 432: Cauliflower - curd should be at least 4" in diameter, trim outer leaves around the curd, exhibit 1 head
Lot 433: Cucumber, Pickling - 3 to 6 inches long, leave stems, exhibit 3
Lot 434: Cucumber, Slicing - over 6 inches long; 2 inches in diameter, leave stems, exhibit 3
Lot 435: Eggplant - leave stems attached, 6 to 8 inches, exhibit 1
Lot 436: Honeydew Melon - exhibit 1
Lot 437: Kohlrabi stem removed 2" below ball, exhibit 3
Lot 438: Onions, Dry, White, Yellow or Red - do not remove outer scale, trim roots, and exhibit 3
Lot 439: Onions, Green bunching - tops are twisted and trimmed, exhibit 5
Lot 440: Peppers, Hot - any variety, small or long tapering, leave stems, trim to level of shoulder, exhibit 3
Lot 441: Peppers, Sweet - any variety, green, red or yellow; blocky or pointed type, leave stems on, trim to level of shoulder, exhibit 3
Lot 442: Potato, Red, Russet or Gold - exhibit 3
Lot 443: Potato, Sweet - exhibit 3
Lot 444: Pumpkin - exhibit 1
Lot 445: Squash Summer - including zucchini, stems trimmed to 1-2", exhibit 3
Lot 446: Squash Winter - stems trimmed to 1 to 2", exhibit 1
Lot 447: Sweet Corn include husk, cut 1" square window in husk to reveal well-filled kernels, trim top, exhibit 3
Lot 448: Tomato, Standard -remove stems, exhibit 3
Lot 449: Tomato, Cherry or Pear - remove stems, exhibit 5

- Lot 450:** Watermelon - stem attached, exhibit 1
Lot 451: Novelty Vegetable - naturally grown, unusual vegetable or any odd specimen
Lot 452: Other Than Named

CLASS 56: HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES

These plants are rich in history. Entries must include the background or history of the variety on a 3" x 5" card.

- Lot 453:** Heirloom Bean - stems attached - no broken ends - exhibit 3
Lot 454: Heirloom Carrot - tip attached trim top to 1/2", exhibit 3
Lot 455: Heirloom Corn include husk cut 1" square window in husk to reveal well-filled kernels, trim top, exhibit 1
Lot 456: Heirloom Potato - exhibit 1
Lot 457: Heirloom Tomato -remove stem, exhibit 3

CLASS 57 - HERBS

Herbs are exhibited in plant form. To make an attractive exhibit, more than one specimen of herb may be planted in pot.

- Lot 458:** Herb Plant Single Any Variety - write common name on entry tag
Lot 459: Kitchen Collection – 3 to 6 herbs to enhance cooking, write common names on entry tag. If unknown, then write "unknown" on entry tag

CLASS 58 - GARDEN CRAFTS

Gardeners today incorporate more than just plants. Modern horticulture must also draw knowledge from related fields. Garden crafts include a variety of interests that help gardeners grow along with their gardens. Exhibits completed after August 2024.

- Lot 460:** Bird Feeder - dimensions should be correct for actual use and outdoor sturdy, indicate species of bird on entry tag

- Lot 461:** Wildlife House - house for birds, bats, bees, butterflies, ladybugs, toads; dimensions should be correct for actual use and outdoor sturdy, indicate species of wildlife on entry tag

- Lot 462:** Fairy Garden – create miniature landscape in a single container

- Lot 463:** Any Garden Craft Not Listed above

NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT

All articles should be displayed in a clear plastic bag. Exhibits must be completed after August 2025.

CLASS 59 - CREWEL AND / OR EMBROIDERY

- Lot 475:** Wall Hanging - any size - ready to hang
Lot 476: Picture - any size ready to hang
Lot 477: Pillow
Lot 478: Other Than Named

CLASS 60 - COUNTED STITCH EMBROIDERY

- Lot 479:** Picture - any size, ready to hang
Lot 480: Garment Accessory - belt, purse, etc.
Lot 481: Pillow
Lot 482: Other Than Named

CLASS 61 - NEEDLEWORK EXTRAS

- Lot 483:** Tatting (lace making)
Lot 484: Appliqued Article
Lot 485: Macramé Items
Lot 486: Weaving Items
Lot 487: Machine Embroidery / Decoration
Lot 488: Other Than Named

CLASS 62 - AFGHANS

- Lot 489:** Crocheted any pattern
Lot 490: Knitted any pattern
Lot 491: Woven any pattern
Lot 492: Loom any pattern
Lot 493: Lap Robe any design

CLASS 63 - CROCHETING

- Lot 494:** Novelties potholders, garment accessory
Lot 495: Table Linens any size
Lot 496: Coat, Sweater, Shawl, Vest, Poncho
Lot 497: Doily any size
Lot 498: Pillow
Lot 499: Other Than Named

CLASS 64 - NEEDLEPOINT

- Lot 500:** Wall Hanging any size
Lot 501: Pillow
Lot 502: Accessories belt, purse, glasses case, cell phone case
Lot 503: Other Than Named

CLASS 65 - KNITTING

- Lot 504:** Mittens, slippers, hat, scarves, garment accessory may exhibit two of each item using different pattern
Lot 505: Child or Infant Sweater
Lot 506: Poncho, Vest, Shawl, Coat

- Lot 507:** Other Than Named

CLASS 66 – Holiday, Any

- Lot 508:** Any holiday crewel and/or embroidery, counted stitch embroidery, needlework, Afghan, crocheting, needlepoint or knitting



PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Photo sizes for all classes are one 8 x 10 photo mounted on 11 x 14 white or black foam board only. Foam boards will be available for purchase at Extension Office. Photos can be mounted either vertically (portrait) or horizontally (landscape). **Photography entries on tag board, poster board or cardstock will not be accepted.** White border on photos should be removed, straight cut edges. No framed or matted photographs will be accepted. **Photographs taken after August 2025 for all classes.**

CLASS 67 – BLACK AND WHITE

- Lot 525:** Scenic/Natural Scenes city/townscapes, nightscapes, skyscapes, sunrises, sunsets, waterscapes such as rivers, lakes, ocean, and landscapes such as mountains and prairies.
Lot 526: People - posed portraits, candid adult or children photographs and photographs of people in sports.
Lot 527: Animals - pets, farm animals, zoo animals, wild animals
Lot 528: Birds, insects, fish or marine animals
Lot 529: Plants - growing plants, trees, fungi or farm crops
Lot 530: Flowers - wild or domestic
Lot 531: Architectural buildings, bridges, man-made structures, dams, towers, etc.
Lot 532: Clay County's Hidden Beauty-specify location on card
Lot 533: Military or Patriotic
Lot 534: Other Than Named

CLASS 68 - COLOR

Lot 535: Scenic/Natural Scenes - city/townscapes, nightscapes, skyscapes, sunrises, sunsets, waterscapes such as rivers, lakes, ocean, and landscapes such as mountains and prairies

Lot 536: People - posed portraits, candid adult or children photographs and photographs of people in sports

Lot 537: Animals - pets, farm animals, zoo animals, wild animals

Lot 538: Birds, insects, fish or marine animals

Lot 539: Plants - rowing plants, trees, fungi or farm crops

Lot 540: Flowers - wild or domestic

Lot 541: Architectural buildings, bridges, man-made structures, dams, towers, etc.

Lot 542: Clay County's Hidden Beauty- specify location on card

Lot 543: Military or Patriotic

Lot 544: Other Than Named

CLASS 69 – SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Photos obviously photo-shopped and edited for content beyond normal straight-out-of-the-camera photographs.

Lot 545: Black & White

Lot 546: Color

QUILTING DEPARTMENT

All articles should be displayed in a clear plastic bag. **Quilt pattern name should be listed on entry card.** Exhibits must be completed after August 2025.

CLASS 71 - HAND PIECED AND QUILTED BY EXHIBITOR, ANY SIZE

Lot 560: Pieced, Appliqued or Embroidered, etc.

CLASS 72 - MACHINE PIECED AND QUILTED BY EXHIBITOR, ANY SIZE

Lot 561: Pieced, Appliqued, Embroidered, etc.

CLASS 73 - COMBINATION

Lot 562: Hand Pieced, Machine Quilted

Lot 563: Machine Pieced, Hand Quilted

Lot 564: Hand Embroidered, Appliqued and Machine Quilted

Lot 565: Machine Embroidered, Appliqued and Hand Quilted

CLASS 74 – MADE BY EXHIBITOR, QUILTED BY ANOTHER PERSON, ANY SIZE

Lot 566: Hand Pieced, Appliqued, Embroidered, etc.

Lot 567: Machine Pieced Appliqued, Embroidered, etc.

CLASS 75 - QUILTING CREATIONS

Lot 568: Pillow

Lot 569: Recycled Quilts - t-shirts or neck tie quilts

Lot 570: Baby or Lap Item

Lot 571: Quilted Wall Hanging

Lot 572: Holiday Item

Lot 573: Other Than Named

CLASS 76 – BEGINNER QUILTER (less than 5 years in class)

Lot 574: Quilt Class

Lot 575: Quilt Square of the Month Kit

Lot 576: Baby or Lap Item

Lot 577: Other Than Named



SEWING FOR FUN DEPARTMENT

Let's make sewing fun as you learn. Items will be judged on overall appearance of clothing construction.

Garments in lots 580 and 581 will be part of the 4-H Fashion Revue Show held on Friday, August 14 at 3 pm on the street stage. Exhibits must be completed after August 2025. **Entry form is at back of this booklet. Please attach to entry card.**

CLASS 77

Lot 580: Any item sewn by an adult for any age wearer

CLASS 78

Lot 581: Any item sewn by a youth for any age wearer

WOOD DEPARTMENT

Exhibits must be completed after August 2025.

CLASS 80 - WOOD

Lot 590: Furniture item constructed and unfinished

Lot 591: Furniture constructed and finished

Lot 592: Wood Article - Not constructed by exhibitor but finished

by exhibitor

Lot 593: Wood Article -constructed and finished by exhibitor

Lot 594: Wood Carving - realistic, caricature, relief carving, chip

Lot 595: Holiday Novelty – constructed by, finished by or carving.

Place Settings

All single place settings may include dinner plate, salad plate, bowl, glassware, cup, saucer, tableware, napkin and/or placemat. Please provide a 4" x 6" note card with the theme of the place setting printed on it for display.

CLASS 81 – PLACE SETTINGS

Lot 600: Place Settings

Selected Outfit

Selected outfits may be new, used or a combination of both. The selected outfit should be well constructed, fit the wearer, reasonably priced, well-coordinated, and accessorized appropriately. Exhibit the garments (no accessories) on a hanger with a full-length color photo of the person wearing the outfit. Please attached copies of receipts as well. **Garments in lots 610-612 can participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue held on Friday, August 14 at 3 pm on the street stage. Entry form is at back of this booklet. Please attach to entry card.**

CLASS 82 – SELECTED OUTFIT

Lot 610: Adult Selected Outfit

Lot 611: Junior Selected Outfit (ages 11-18 years old)

Lot 612: Youth Selected Outfit (ages 6-10 years old)

2026 OPEN CLASS CONTEST

Patriotic Novelties:

Items not eligible for Best of Show.

Please see Department information for more information about requirements for each lot.

CLASS 83 – Patriotic Novelty

Lot 620: Patriotic Art

Lot 621: Patriotic Craft

Lot 622: Patriotic Needlework

Lot 623: Patriotic Wood



**Entries in contest below are auctioned off the on
Saturday, August 15th at 3 pm.
Funds raised are donated to the Clay County Youth Trust
Scholarship Fund to benefit all Clay County youth.**

FRUIT PIE, CRISP & COBBLER CONTEST

1. Entries must be baked at home and brought to the 4-H Center on **Saturday, August 15 between 10 am and 11 am.**
2. Entries in all lots must be the work of the exhibitor.
3. Please specify Adult or Youth by adding A or Y to lot number.
4. All pie entries must be baked in a nine-inch or larger pie plate. **Crisps and cobblers must be baked in a 9" x 9" dish or larger.**
5. Pies, crisps, and cobblers entries and dishes will NOT be returned to exhibitor.

6. Pies must be a single, double, or lattice crust. Crusts must be homemade.
7. All recipes, including filling, crust and/or toppings, must accompany all entries.
8. No cream pies – no eggs in pie with the exception of pecan pie.
9. All entries will be auctioned off on Saturday, August 9. Proceeds will go to the Clay County Youth Trust Scholarship Fund which benefits all Clay County youth.
10. First, second and third place winners will receive \$15, \$10 and \$5 cash prizes, respectively.

CLASS 100 –Pie, Crisp, Cobbler

- Lot 700:** Cherry
- Lot 701:** Apple
- Lot 702:** Pecan
- Lot 703:** Fresh Peach
- Lot 704:** Rhubarb
- Lot 705:** Berry (1 fruit)
- Lot 706:** Berry Combination
- Lot 707:** Other Than Named



Food Preservation Entry Form and Scoresheet



Name _____

Class Name _____ Lot Name _____

Name of Product _____

Date Preserved _____

Source of Recipe _____

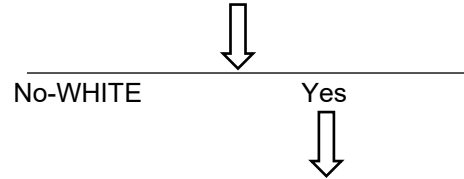
Method of Preservation:

Pack: Raw Hot

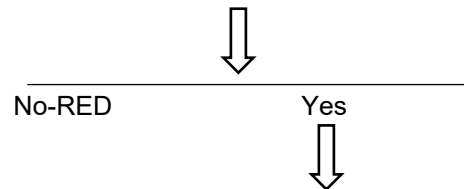
- Boiling Water Bath _____ Altitude _____ Processing Time _____
- Pressure Canner _____ Altitude _____ Processing Time _____
 Dial or Weighted Gauge (circle one) Pounds Pressure _____

Ingredients (specify amount)

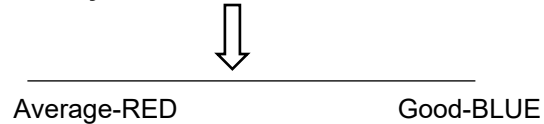
Was Product Processed Correctly?



Head Space, Uniformity, Standard Jar, Clean



Quality of Food, Color/Flavor



Comments: _____

Judges Initials: _____

Circle Ribbon Placing: Blue Red White

Food Preservation

Dried Fruits, Dried Herbs, Dried Vegetables

Entry Form and Scoresheet



Name _____

Class Name _____ Lot Name _____

Type of Fruit, herb or vegetable _____

Variety, in known _____

To be completed by Exhibitor	Points Possible	Points Deducted	Comments
Preparation (Please circle all that apply) Washing Slicing Sorting Peeling Pitting Coring Other: _____ Recipe for leather only (attach to exhibit card)	30		
Preparation Method (Please circle all the apply) Sulfuring Steaming None Dipping Blanching Type of Drying (Please Circle) Outdoor Oven Microwave Air Drying Dehydrator State time and temperature: Time (amount) _____ Temperature (Degree) _____	25		
Type of packaging: _____ Where stored: _____	25		
Taste, texture and/or aroma appropriate for dried product (Use fact sheet on dried fruits and vegetables)	20		
Total	100		

Comments:

Judges Initials: _____

Circle Ribbon Placing:

Blue Red White



August 12-15, 2026

Wednesday, August 12

- 10 am 4-H Food Stand Open
- 11-1 pm Livestock Skill-a-thon
- 3 pm 4-H Companion Animal Show
- 3-6 pm Veterans Outreach
- 3-10 pm Beer Garden Tent
- 4-7 pm Vendor Booths Open
- 5 pm 4-H Rabbit Show
- 5-7 pm Balloon Twister
- 5-10 pm Inflatables
- 7 pm Mutton Bustin' & Mini Bull Showdown presented by Raise'em Rank



Thursday, August 13

- 9 am 4-H Poultry Showmanship
- 10 am 4-H Poultry Show
- 9-9 pm Exhibit Building Open
- 11-6 pm Veterans Outreach
- 12-10 pm Inflatables
- 1-3 pm Tahiti Joe performs
- 1-3 pm Mayhem & Mini Nets: The Ultimate Kid Court Mashup
- 1-5 pm Sanford Health Activities
- 1-7 pm Honey Bee Demonstration (Exhibit Building)
- 1-8 pm Vendor Booths Open
- 1-8 pm Cub Scout Pine Wood Lego Car Races
- 2 pm Animal Costume Contest
- 3-6 pm USD Herpetology (Exhibit Building)
- 3-10 pm Beer Garden Tent Open
- 4:30-6 pm Local Fare at the Fair hosted by Farmers Market
- 4:30 pm The Updraft Performs
- 5 pm Free Community BBQ
- 5 pm 4-H Swine Show
- 5-6 pm Heartland Humane Society w/ Pets Available for Adoption
- 5-7 pm Vermillion Fire & EMS Demonstrations
- 5:30 pm Thursday at the Platz
- 6 pm Arena Gates and Beer Garden Open
- 7 pm Bulls on the Bluff presented by Raise'em Rank



Friday, August 14

- 9 am 4-H Goat and Sheep Show
- 9-9 pm Exhibit Building Open
- 10 am Storytime w/ Vermillion Public Library (Tent)
- 10-5 pm Ag Day Activities
- 10-5 pm Clay-Union Electric Member & Community Appreciation Day
- 11-6 pm Veterans Outreach
- 12-2 pm Amy Ellsworth Performs
- 12-10 pm Inflatables
- 1-5 pm Sanford Health Activities
- 1-7 pm Honey Bee Demonstration
- 1-8 pm Vendor Booths Open
- 1-8 pm Cub Scout Pine Wood Lego Car Races
- 3 pm 4-H Fashion Revue
- 3-6 pm USD Herpetology
- 3-12 am Beer Garden Tent Open
- 4 pm Ice Cream Social
- 4 pm Arena Gates and Beer Garden Open
- 4:30 pm Water Wars
- 5 pm Great Plains Tractor Pull
- 6 pm Pizza Eating Contest
- 8-12 am Free Street Dance featuring Bluff Ridge



Saturday, August 15

- 9 am 4-H Beef Show
- 9 am Cornhole Registration (VPT parking lot)
- 9 am Pedal Pull Sign Up (asphalt parking lot)
- 9-7 pm Exhibit Building Open
- 10 am Cornhole Tournament
- 10 am Kids Pedal Pull
- 10-11 pm Open Class Pie, Cobbler and Crisp Entry
- 10-6 pm Cub Scout Pine Wood Lego Car Races
- 10-6 pm Vendor Booths Open
- 10-10 pm Inflatables
- 11 am Super Senior Showmanship
- 11-3 pm Car, Truck & Tractor Show
- 11-6 pm Veterans Outreach
- 12 pm 4-H Round Robin Contest
- 12-3 pm Blue Rune Performs
- 12-7 pm Beer Garden Tent Open
- 1-7 pm Honey Bee Demonstration
- 2 pm The Buddy Show (Covered Arena)
- 2-3 pm Chopped hosted by Farmers Market
- 3 pm Pie Auction
- 3-5 pm Balloon Twister
- 3-5 pm Great Plains Zoo Mobile
- 4 pm Chasing the 4 of Clubs Grand Finale
- 5 pm Arena Gates and Beer Garden Open
- 7 pm Demolition Derby



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