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Since 1987, the Clay County Agricultural Fair has provided Clay County and Northeast Florida with an event that's both fun and educational in a family atmosphere. In fact, the Fair vision says it all: "A Family A*Fair".

The Fair strives to be the showcase for Clay County's agricultural, educational, civic and commercial interest. It provides an opportunity for citizens to work and have fun together. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the fair. Their dedicated support of sharing time and talents is vital to the fair's success.

After gate admission, most exhibits and attractions are FREE. Two exhibit buildings are used for commercial, non-profit and competitive exhibits.

Competitive Exhibits

Clay County citizens are encouraged to enter the competitive exhibits to show off their talents and even possibly win money and/or a ribbon. Complete details are listed in the Exhibitor's Handbook which is found on the fair'S website. Just click on the Participate tab to find the" Exhibitor's Handbook" and find your favorite area for all the details.



The Midway

Midway Rides are available from Deggeller Attractions. They have provided midway entertainment for the fair since its inception. The midway features over 40 rides for young and old alike. Check out our daily deals on pages 31-33 for discount ride armbands.

Main Stage

Main Stage entertainment is located in the Cattlemen's Arena. Special entertainment is featured almost daily during the fair. Top national acts perform in this huge facility. All entertainment is FREE, however, you may purchase reserved seating in advance at **claycountyfair.org.**

T-Mobile community stage

T-Mobile Community Stage is located east of Founders Exhibit Building No. 1. Entertainment and contests are held each day of the fair. Local talent performs in a relaxed atmosphere. Tables and shade are provided so guests can enjoy the fair food and entertainment at the same time.

The E-Zone

The E-Zone is located north of the Cattlemen's Arena and east of the Exhibit buildings. The E-Zone's focus is on Engaging, Educational and Entertaining elements in all of its activities. Daily entertainment, community stage acts, food court and contests are held in this area throughout the Fair. Tables, chairs and water misters for cooling when it's hot are provided so guests can enjoy all of the E-Zone offerings.





Early Florida Village

The Early Florida Village is a unique opportunity to step back in time to see Clay County life in the years past. During the fair, each exhibit is live with demonstrators dressed in the era to provide guests with a live experience of how life was in Early Florida. Food samples, shade trees and sitting areas make the live history experience a real enjoyable treat. This is also home to our Little Red Barn, which features baby farm animals!



Livestock

Livestock is the foundation of the fair. Livestock exhibits provide everyone the opportunity to experience our true agriculture roots. After all, this is an agricultural fair. Today many guests haven't had the opportunity to see farm life that's so important to our American way of life. Agriculture is our lifeline for our food supply. Come check out our barn to learn and see!

Ag-Town

Located in the Livestock Bar Ag-own is a small town where farming is fun. We will have a veterinarian clinic, a grocery store, a museum, library and a feed store, among other fun "Ag-tivities." The Fair strives to be the showcase for Clay County's agricultural, educational, civic and commercial interests.

We hope your experience at the fair is pleasant and educational. We hope that you come several times during the 11-day fair. Our goal when you leave is to hear you say

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X Ambassadors

X Ambassadors members currently include lead vocalist Sam Harris, keyboardist Casey Harris and drummer Adam Levin. Russ Flynn is a touring member that plays guitar and bass. Their most notable songs include "Jungle," "Renegades," and "Unsteady."

The band's debut full-length album, "VHS," was released on June 30, 2015. Their second album, "Orion," was released on June 14, 2019. Their third album, "The Beautiful Liar," was released on Sept. 24, 2021.

In an interview with Caitlin White, X Ambassadors declared themselves distinctly rock, with few characteristics commonly associated with indie bands. They referenced Incubus and the Red Hot Chili Peppers as heroes. The band also often includes political themes in their songs.

The band includes a lot of different eclectic sounds in their songs, such as jazz, alternative, trap, and R&B. One source said Casey Harris being blind has been a major part of shaping the band.



Charlotte Sands

When Charlotte Sands posted a TikTok at the beginning of COVID asking Yungblud to let her open for him on tour, she didn't know it would happen. The blue-haired singer-songwriter had been putting the idea into the universe for a while, and it finally seemed like her unrelenting hope was paying off.

Born in Massachusetts to a musician father and an actress mother, Sands was always surrounded by music. As a kid, she found herself inspired by storytelling songwriters like Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow and Grace Potter. By her

teen years, she began writing music and discovered emo and pop-punk bands like All Time Low and Taking back Sunday.



THURSDAY, MARCH 30 5 X Ambassadors

General admission: Concert free with gate admission Reserved seats: ^{\$}45-^{\$}150 (**Tickets claycountyfair.org**) Time: 7 p.m. Cattleman's Arena

The ultimate VIP concert experience! Enjoy one of our headline musical acts from the comfort of a stage-side Garber VIP seat. Ideal for entertaining friends and clients, the fair's Garber VIP Lounge provides a super-awesome view of the Main Stage and a rustic feel. Seating will be available on rustic bar stools and picnic tables. This is the only way to be "front row" for concerts.

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Amenities include

Meet and Greets will be at Artist discretion.

Food will be a grab and go option with beverages from Coca-Cola. (Our fair is alcohol free.)

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until main event. Limited 300 guests Gate admission is included in price.



Cooper Alan

If you like country music and you're on any social media app, you've probably seen Cooper Alan on your screen in the past two years. The up-and-coming country star has independently built a fanbase of more than 10 million followers and has earned more than 200 million streams on his music. Originally from Winston Salem, North Carolina, he spent his high school and college years playing bars, college campuses and Honky Tonks all across the Carolinas.

After graduation, Cooper packed up his guitar and moved to Nashville as fast as he could, where he had the incredible luck of meeting hit songwriter/producer Victoria Shaw who signed him within weeks to a publishing deal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

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Chris Janson

General admission: Concert free with gate admission Reserved seats: ^{\$}40-^{\$}100 (**Tickets claycountyfair.org**) Time: 7 p.m. Cattleman's Arena



Chris Janson

Chris Janson is a proud member of the Grand Ole Opry and a multi-platinum songwriter and artist who is part of country's new breed. In touch with the lighter side of life with self-penned No. 1 hit, "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes" and the triple-platinum "Buy Me a Boat," as well as the more thoughtful truths of "Done" and "Things You Can't Live Without" and the CMA Song of the Year nominee and ACM Video of the Year "Drunk Girl."

Both "Boat" and "Girl" were selected to the Nashville Songwriters Association International's prestigious "Songs I wish I'd Written" list, which is why artists like Tim McGraw, Justin Moore, Cody Johnson and Hank Williams Jr. reach out to Janson for their projects.

Niko Moon

Sitting across from country singer/songwriter Niko Moon, the words "GOOD TIME" are inescapable, peeking through the threads above his knees. "Good Time" is a track on his forthcoming genre-testing debut EP, a moment he wanted to benchmark with tattoos: "GOOD" on his right leg, "TIME" on his left. "GOOD TIME" deserved permanent ink since the

"GOOD TIME" deserved permanent ink since the phrase is more than just an album title. It's also a way of life for Moon, an adventurous artist, writer and musician with an enduring optimism and a flair for challenging boundaries. That attitude is apparent in the EP, a judiciously layered synthesis of his Georgia roots, pairing Atlanta-bred hip-hop and rural-fed traditional country, two genres considered incompatible not long ago. The EP will be released later this year, but for a sneak preview, "Good Time" and "Drunk Over You" are available now.

Shane Profitt

Shane Profitt's musical catalog is filled with natural talent. At the end of 2021, he worked for the city an hour south of Nashville. Now he's entertaining crowds at the historic Ryman Auditorium and touring with Chris Janson.

Nobody has to remind Profitt about blue-collar life. His music career started when his grandfather gave him a guitar for Christmas, and he learned to play it to Hank Williams Jr. songs.

He sharpened his skills by traveling around Tennessee to play at the Southern-cooking chain Puckett's.

Now he has his own collection of hits, like "Guys Like Me," "Better Off Fishin" and "How It Oughta Be.





Join us at the Fair for a Waterfront View of Clay County History

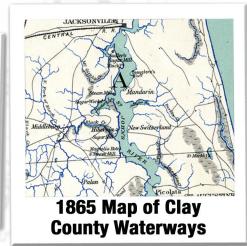
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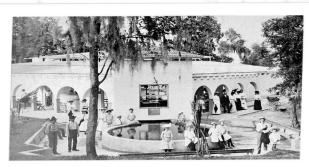
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Meet our knowledgeable clerks in Expo Building 2 to enjoy an interactive "waterfront view" of Clay County history. From the St. John's River to Black Creek, Peter's Creek to Doctors Lake, Kingsley Lake to Lake Geneva, the Green Cove Spring to Governor's Creek – all these waterways and the related natural resources played a huge role in our county's formation. Before railroads and expressways, there were steamships. Our waterways still mean so much to our quality of life! We are honored to preserve that history along with all county records.

Sail on by our display at the 2023 Clay County Fair to learn more about this and many more fun topics. Visit our Historical Archives page at clayclerk.com for more info any time. MARCH 30- APRIL 9, 2023 MAY COUNT





MONDAY, APRIL 3 Casting Crowns

General admission: Concert free with gate admission Reserved seats: ^{\$50-\$}160 (Tickets claycountyfair.org) Time: 7 p.m.

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Boiling down life's most challenging moments into digestible proclamations of faith is a cornerstone of the Casting Crowns brand. Singable truths that point to Jesus are what they've always been about and always will be about. But when setting out to write songs for their latest album, "Healer," lead singer and primary songwriter Mark Hall was faced with a brand-new challenge. Like the rest of the world, he was stuck at home in the middle of a pandemic. Mark knew, given the circumstances, he needed to write songs for the moment. But the moment loomed so large and global it seemed impossible. Mark chose to stick to his signature straightforward truth and did the only thing he could do – he wrote from the heart. As he began crafting songs about his own struggles, fears, and uncertainty, an undeniable theme emerged.

"Desert Road," a harmony-filled tune that plays like a Casting Crowns classic, speaks to those moments when God's plan isn't clear, but we're still called to follow. It's about the journey of getting past yourself and realizing God knows what He's doing, that He's already at the end of the road looking back on it.

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We Are the Messengers, Ben Fuller

We Are the Messengers have more than 400 million career streams, more than 2.5 billion airplay audience and a 14-week No. 1 billboard radio song, "Come What May." The band also has six Top 5 and 10 Top 10 Christian Airplay hits with "Image of God," "Power," "Maybe It's OK," "Magnify," "Point To You," "Love," Everything Comes Alive," "God With Us," "This is Jesus" and "From Heaven to Earth (Joy to the World."

The band has played for a live audience of more than two million fans across 40 states and five countries. Ben Fuller grew up in Southern Vermont on his family's dairy farm working beside his father. He passed the time by singing old classic country tunes as he witnessed the hard work and dedication it took to run a farm. Ben struggled with growing up and turned to cocaine and alcohol at a young age. After losing his best friend to an overdose, he got sober and moved to Nashville to pursue a career in music, where he found his comfortable niche signing Christian music.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

We are Messengers, Ben Fuller General admission: Concert free with gate admission Reserved seats: ^{\$}50-^{\$}160 (**Tickets claycountyfair.org**) Time: 7 p.m. Cattleman's Arena

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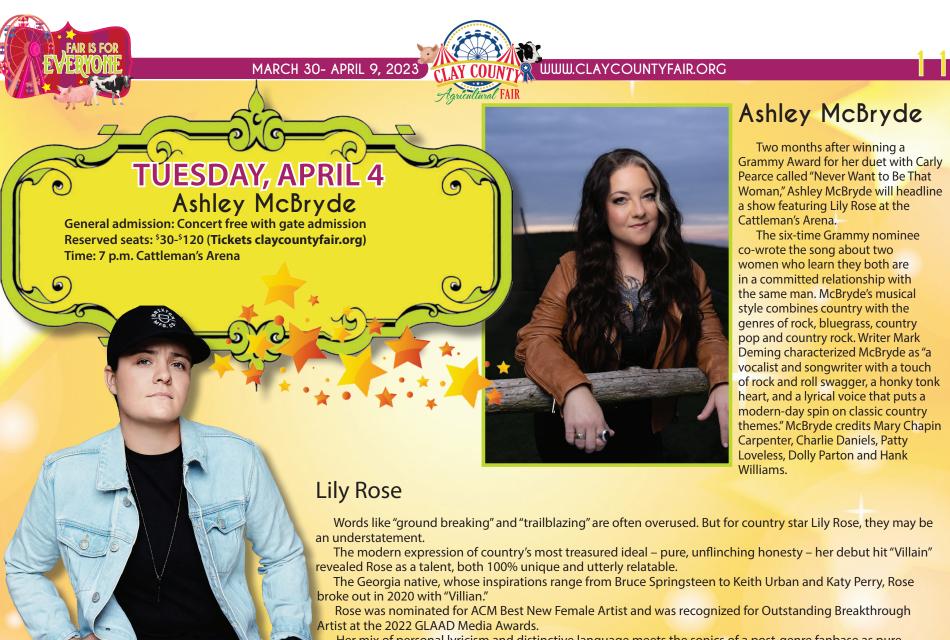
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For a complete list of exemptions, eligibility requirements, and application deadlines, visit <u>www.ccpao.com</u>.

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Brotherly Love

The chart-topping 1983 hit "Elizabeth" has always been one of the most beloved songs in the Statler Brothers' extensive repertoire. Longtime Statler member Jimmy Fortune is reviving the song with three new musical partners – Bradley Walker, Mike Rogers and Ben Isaacs – for a new project, "Brotherly Love."

It wasn't hard for Fortune to get the other three on board. The collection features the four artists serving up their renditions of country, pop and gospel standards. Fortune delivers a stellar version of Vince Gill's "Go Rest High on That Mountain."

Rogers serves up a lively version of the "O Brother,

Where Art Thou" hit "Man of Constant Sorrow," and Isaacs wonderfully revives Don Williams' hit "Lord, I Hope This Day is Good."

Among Walker's contributions is a hauntingly beautiful rendition of Hank Williams'"'I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." They combine forces on "Brotherly Love," a country hit for the late Keith Whitley and Earl Thomas Conley.

Friday, April 7 🎽

Silent Disco Goat Party Reserved tickets required. The event is sold out. Time: 8 p.m. Cattleman's Arena

'Disco Coat'

Silent Disco Goat Party promises to be greatest of all time

GREEN COVE SPRINGS -**Everyone** had the opportunity to party under the disco ball with the GOATS the Greatest Of All Time, for the one-night-only Clay County Agriculture Fair event on Friday, April 7. Many fairgoers apparently still have their bellbottom pants, platform shoes and sequined shirts because every ticket for the Silent Disco Goat Party was gone more than two months ahead of this year's fair. While some of the revelers will be goats, and

they will be ready to get their groove

on.

"The goats will be dressed in puffy, glow jackets. They will glow in the black light," said owner Amy Husky. "Basically, there will be a silent disco, and goats will be roaming around. Everyone has their own headphones and they dance in silence so it won't stress the goats out." Headphones will be provided at the event.

"There will be two DJs battling each other. Fairgoers will have the chance to tune into the DJ they want to listen to," Clay County Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder said.

This event was free with gate admission, but you needed a ticket because the party was limited to 300 guests. Those tickets were gone quicker than a bale of hay in a goat pen. "It's going to be a blast! We will have 2 DJs, glow furniture, and a goat pit for those goat selfies," Hyder said.



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OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, March 30

Opening Ceremonies 2 p.m Fair Queen Crowning 6 p.m.

Friday, March 31 Goat Team Fitting 10 a.m. Dairy Show 6 p.m. Fireworks 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

Pet Adoptions 10-4p.m. Dress Like a Farmer (AgTown) Goat Show 10 a.m. Yummy Food Judging 1 p.m. Unlimited Goat Show 3 p.m. Swine Show 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 Charcuterie Board 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. Rabbit Fashion Show 1 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship 3 p.m. Mullet Match 5 p.m. (AgTown) Heifer Show 6 p.m.

Monday, April 3 Food Deals 4-8 p.m. Poultry Showmanship 5 p.m. High School Drumline Exhibit 6 p.m. Tuesday, April+4 Bingo 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 Parade 1 p.m. Puzzle Contest 1, 4 & 7 p.m. Bingo 3:30 p.m. Steer Show 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 Youth Tractor Driving Competition 4 p.m. High School Night Competition 6 p.m. Beard & Mustache Contest 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Tailgating 10 a.m. (Arena Entrance) Star Search 7 p.m. Husband Calling 6 p.m. (AgTown) Livestock Sale 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 Livestock Judging 9 a.m. Poultry Judging 11 a.m. Horticulture ID Judging 1 p.m. Whip Popping 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 Easter Activities 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Church Services 8 a.m. Ezone Hours Noon-2:30 p.m.



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is to determine the strongest machine and the best driver with the winner being determined by the tractor that pulls the drag, or sled, the farthest. Different to every other motorsport in the world, it is not about the speed, but distance pulled. Attendees will experience loud noises and diesel smoke exposure.

TRACTOR PULLS

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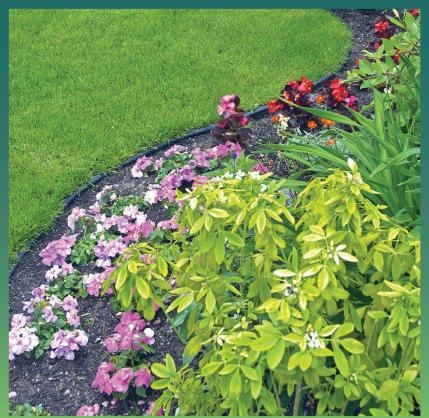


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And to make it even more interesting, all of the dogs are "rescue" dogs, meaning they were either abandoned, homeless, sheltered or from the humane society. Their individual stories are almost as interesting as their performances. This show is located in the E-Zone.



Dennis Lee Band

In 1987, The Dennis Lee Show hit the entertainment scene. The Dennis Lee Show is truly a "one-of-a-kind" entertainment showcase. Dennis blends musical favorites from every genre with improvisation and audience antics. Dennis has performed the National Anthem and Canadian Anthem at numerous prestigious sporting and political events including Major League Baseball games; National Hockey League; National Harness Racing; the American Presidential Campaign; Governor's Luncheons; and Agriculture Hall of Fame Ceremonies. "Music, the thrill of performing, and making people smile is what makes me tick", Lee said. Performing at the front gate.

Denny the Rodeo Clown

In his role as a roving act Dennis Lee becomes a mime and comedian. You will find him strolling the midway as Denny the Rodeo Clown.



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Pretty Bird Paradise

Pretty Bird Paradise is a fun and educational interactive-all-day attraction. Guests can actually interact with these beautiful birds in a safe enclosed environment. Guests get the opportunity to feed the birds with food sticks which allow the birds to come and land on them and have a tasty snack. This experience is open up to 12 hours a day. Fun Fact: Most of the birds are rescue birds.This

Fun Fact: Most of the birds are rescue birds.Thi show is located in the EZone.

The Plant Guy

This is quite possibly the funniest Plant you will ever talk too. You'll really dig this guy. So say hello, and take a selfie, he's big on photosynthesis. The Plant Guy is a strolling act.



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Lew-E's comedy circus

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After 4,000 performances, Lee Andrews of Lew-E's Comedy Circus is one of the most sought after entertainers in the country. With a true love and dedication for performing, his number one goal is to create an experience that families will share together and talk about for many years to come. Now in his 27th year of performing, Lee has quite literally been a performer his whole life. When Lee created his clown character, Lew-E, at the age of three, he had no idea that it would turn into his career. Lee has been blessed to be able to travel the world performing in almost every entertainment venue imaginable. This show is located in the E-Zone.

Rosaire's Royal Pig Races

Wayne Rosaire and his daughter, Pamela travel the country from their home base in Bostwick, 10 months of the year bringing their act, "Rosaire's Royal Racers" to fans at county and state fairs, private parties and festivals. Her parents started the business for themselves 25 years ago after working for another pig racing entity for a few years. Pamela and her brother and sister grew up in the family's huge RV, lovingly called the "Porcine Palace."

The pigs – they travel with 24 pigs of different varieties that have living quarters in the lower section of the vehicle, complete with air conditioning. "It's ridiculous, it's very plush," she said. Their human counterparts have living quarters upstairs.

Rosaire was also home-schooled aboard the "Porcine Palace." She said that the traveling life of a performer is the life for her. "Even if I don't end up pig racing forever I'm definitely going to be in the entertainment industry," she said.

The best part of her job is the fans who cheer wildly as the racing pigs make their way around the track. "They go hog wild. It's all about the people," she said. "It's a true adrenaline rush."

The pigs begin training to be racers when they're about 1 month old. The Rosaires used cream-filled cookies, similar to Oreos, as bait. She said the pigs are very intelligent and could "blow a dog right out of the water" in terms of trainability. "A lot of people think they're dumb and dirty, but they're very intelligent." This show is located in the E-Zone.



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Sculptor Jim Victor to create creamy masterpieces from butter

Jim Victor grew up in Central Pennsylvania and attended Public and Catholic parochial Schools. He applied to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia but only had enough money to pay for one semester.

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He earned a scholarship for the second semester. He switched from painting to creating sculptures, winning the Cresson European Traveling Scholarship in 1967 and the opportunity to travel through Europe.

Now a renowned sculptor, Victor will appear at the Clay County Agriculture Fair's E-Zone to create another masterpiece from butter that's certainly considerably better than being margarine-aly attractive.

"Doing sculpture portraits led me into the world of food sculpture," he wrote on his social media page. "Around 1981, I was approached by one of my students at Rosemont College, where I was teaching sculpture. She wanted to tell me about an opportunity to do chocolate sculpture portraits of Mickey Rooney and Anne Miller as a (public relations) stunt for 'Sugar Babies,' a Broadway show celebrating its 1,000th performance.

In 1995, I answered a want ad in a Harrisburg, (Pennsylvania) newspaper seeking a "Butter Sculptor." I got the job making a butter sculpture for the Pennsylvania Farm Show."

That's when butter and chocolate combined to make Jim Victor Food Sculpture and, ultimately Jim Victor and Marie Pelton Food Sculpture when my wife and sculpture partner, Pelton, joined me on our food sculpting journey around 2000.

They are also frequently commissioned to create food sculptures for Corporate and Public Relations Events, such as the NFL Hershey's, Subway and M&M's.

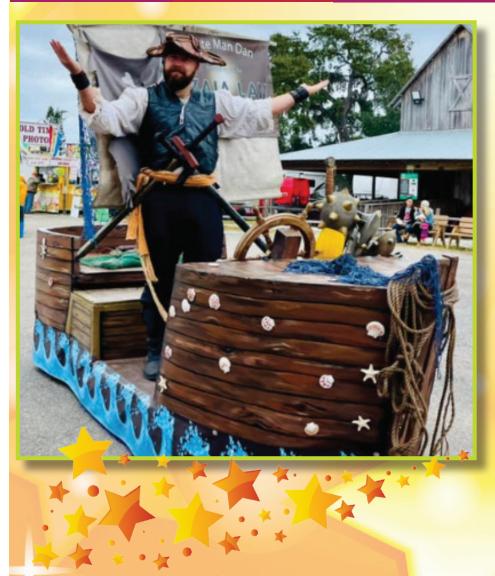
The creative couple has been turning enough creamy blocks to butter nearly 13,000 pancakes for 22 years. They've been part of several butter-based projects, but make no mistake: they consider their work to be serious art.



"It's real temperature sensitive," said Victor. "We generally just build the form upright on an armature and solidify it through temperature, and then we carve it."

Most butter sculptures weigh about 1,000 pounds. To put that into perspective, that's 4,000 sticks of butter with 366,400 grams of fat.

Once the Farm Show ends, the sculpture will be broken down and put into a methane digester as a biofuel since the butter is inedible.



Pirate Man Dan

Pirate Man Dan thrills young and old alike. Dan's show consists of stilt walking, unicycling and the Pirate Adventure Experience Attraction all aboard his ship. Jaws drop as Dan sails by while kids follow the ship and it's bubbles like a Pied Piper. Custom built, it can do a 180 on spot and has blue underglow. Patrons will be teleported into a magical world when Pirate Man Dan is in the area. Grab a foam sword and take photos cementing that memory forever. This performance is a strolling act located in the E-Zone.

Fun Connection Stilt walking

Look up ... it's a bird ... it's a plane ... No, it's a stilt walker at more than 9 feet tall! Wait a minute, what's that I see? He is making balloon art. Always quick with a joke Fun Connection Stilt Walkers will entertain and amuse young and old alike. This is a strolling pergormance located in the E-Zone.

> See calendar pages 31-34 for all showtimes.





Tim's Trains

Tim's Train Rides is a family run business that is owned and operated by Tim and Melanie Warner. They are located in Central Florida near Silver Springs/Ocala and travel to festivals and events throughout Florida giving train rides. "What started out as a train ride for our farm has grown into a fun and unique business opportunity that my wife Melanie and I enjoy operating together. It's been a lot of fun traveling all over Florida, meeting new people and watching the smiles on everyone's faces, young and old, riding the Train." Located in the E-Zone.



Mobile Glassblowing Studios

The Mobile Glass Studios are skilled glassblowers that turn a 2,000-degree liquid into numerous items from vases to cups to fish and wildlife sculptures. Fairgoers can see free demonstrations of the lost art of glassblowing, which promises to educate and amaze. The glass studio is located in the E-Zone.



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Jurassic Kingdom Dinosaur Show

New this year to the fair is the Jurassic Kingdom Dinosaur Show. Host Miss Kala helps us travel back in time to learn about fossils and meet several dinosaurs including Terry, the talking, comical Pterodactyl, Jack, a 2 month-old Brontosaurus, Sarah a newborn Triceratops, Lucy a 5-year-old full-grown Velociraptor and Sparky a 2-year-old T-Rex (Tyrannosaurus.) Audiences get to see life-like dinosaurs in action, but they also have an opportunity to touch and interact with them throughout the show located in the E-Zone.

Kid's Pedal Tractor Pulls

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Agricadabra Magic Show

Brad Matchett is an Educational Agricultural Specialist. He entertains and educates fairgoers.

The show, "Agricadabra: The Magic of Agriculture," highlights agriculture within the state by teaching children how the egg gets from the farm to the store while delighting kids with magic tricks involving disappearing chickens, reappearing rabbits, and balloons. This show is located in the EZone.

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Winn-Dixie continues support for Clay County Agricultural Fair

Taste the Fair, Our Fair Cares Day promotions help organizations, fair-goers' pocketbooks

For the fifth consecutive year, the Winn-Dixie store in Green Cove Springs will play a significant role in helping the community and giving fairgoers a chance to save money at the Clay County Agriculture Fair.

Winn-Dixie will sponsor Taste the Fair Day on Monday, April 3. Store employees will be at the main entrance doing giveaways, helping shoppers download the store's app and greeting patrons. And if a customer brings a receipt from a Winn-Dixie store dated no later than March 27, gate admission will be discounted \$5.

"Monday is our favorite day because we have a group of associates who work at our store and they have a lot of fun at the front gate, especially greeting children," store manager Mike Finnick said. "We'll have some giveaways, but the main thing is to save \$5 off admission and have some fun."

On Tuesday, April 4, Winn-Dixie will join Our Fair Cares Day. The store will present \$1,000 worth of goods to Clay County Animal Control, Clay County Education Foundation and Middleburg United

• Taste the Fair Day

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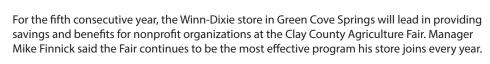
Methodist Church's Food Bridge. Also, any guest that brings animal supplies, canned goods or school supplies will get a \$7 credit off admission, Finnick said.

More than three tons of food was donated in the past two years during Our Fair Cares Day.

The Food Bridge hands out frozen meat, fresh produce, bread, dry goods, dairy products and canned good during its drive-thru programs on Thursdays. Food is distributed to families with less than 20% income after paying bills.

"We mainly collected the staples needed," Finnick said. "It was a lot of fun to be at the gate and see so many people bringing bags of food. It was also nice to be able to thank everybody."

– Don Coble











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Mini cows, big fun

Unique breed of miniature cows to display at fair

A young boy posed at the "Kissing Booth" next to a four-month-old, miniature hairy cow. Bending down on both knees in a wide-brimmed cowboy hat and leather boots, the young boy was only a hair taller than the 34-inch calf.

He leaned in for a kiss.

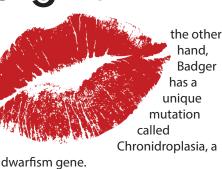
"I think he likes me," the boy said, beaming.

From the look on Badger's face, named for the white stripe on his furry, otherwise brown face, he's probably right.

"Badger is a Micro Miniature. You can see his legs are shorter. His face is more smushed," Robin Husky said. When fully grown, Badger will be only 36 to 38 inches tall. "Get out a tape measurer. It's pretty small."

Badger is one of three miniature cows making an appearance at the Clay County Agriculture Fair, including two High Park Miniature heifers, redhaired Gingersnap and Twinkle Toes, appropriately named for her white feet.

The heifers are bred to be naturally small, averaging about 42 inches. On



called Chronidroplasia, a dwarfism gene. "Badger is really mellow. He's very easygoing and loves to be scratched. He and Twinkle Toes are very affectionate.

and Twinkle Toes are very affectionate. Twinkle Toes is like a puppy. Badger is kinda silly. Gingersnap's spicy, like her name," Husky said.

"But generally, they are very affectionate. They meet me at the gate. They follow me around. They loved to be rubbed."

The cows reside at the Salty Heifer Livestock Company on two pieces of property based in Green Cove Springs. The calves will be exhibited at the fair all 11 days at the old dairy barn.

"We're so excited to come to the fair," Husky said. "It's a great way for kids to be introduced to livestock, handling and caring for livestock and have fun with the cows."

To learn more, visit the Salty Heiffer Co. on Facebook.

Kylie Cordell



Bunnies strut their fluff at the Rabbit Fashion Show

The Clay County Agriculture Fair will host its annual "Rabbit Fashion Show" on Sunday, April 2, at 1 p.m. in the J.P. Hall Livestock Arena. This is a fun show open to all children between 5 and 18.

"We started it about six years ago. It was intended to be for kids who could not exhibit in the big shows, so we created a fun, low-stress competition that they can be to get them introduced to showing and get them in front of the judges," Said Stephanie Connor, Rabbit Fashion Show Superintendent.

"As we had more entries, more older kids wanted to join, so we opened it to all ages. We've had over 30 entries each year."

Rabbits will be dressed in creative and safe fashions. Participant costumes are optional.

Unlike the other Future Farmers of America and 4-H show, Rabbit Fashion Show exhibitors won't be judged on showmanship techniques.

"It's strictly a costume contest. They will go in by division and line up their rabbit, and then the judges will come through," Connor said.





Contestants will compete for Best Team Theme, Best Homemade Costume and Most Creative. First-, second- and third-place winners will be chosen in each of the four age divisions. The firstplace winner from each division will compete for Best in Show.

"We've had some very cute costumes. In my first year, a little boy dressed up like a fisherman, and his bunny was a fish. We've had a little girl dress up like an artist and her rabbit was part of her paint pallet. It just floors me how creative these kids are," Connor said.

However, the show offers exhibitors much more than just a trophy.

"What they get out of it is communication and experience in the show ring. It also builds confidence. But for the bigger picture, it's creative thinking, organizing and planning," she said.

To sign up for the Youth showing, complete the Rabbit Fashion Show application on the fair's website, claycountyfair.org. Registration ends March 22.





Livestock Shows

Friday, March 31 10am Open Youth Goat Fitting & Grooming 6pm 4H/ FFA Youth Dairy Show

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Sunday, April 2 1pm Open Youth Rabbit Fashion Show 3pm Rabbit Showmanship 6pm 4H/FFA Youth Heifer Show

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New learning opportunities for FFA youth exhibitors

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Future Farmers of America and 4-H students will participate in a day of leadership opportunities at the Clay County Agriculture Fair.

'The shows are for students in FFA through their junior high or high school agricultural program. They can pick from a variety of different livestock, like rabbits and chickens, as well as larger livestock like horses, dairy cows and hogs," said Kelly Moseley, member of the Clay County Agricultural Fair's board of directors for the 4-H/FFA youth livestock programs.

The 4-H agents, 4-H leaders, and FFA advisors also support the work of these youth at the fair, Moseley said.

"They work with their breeders and advisors. Then they learn how to groom their animals, feed them, and train them to prepare for the fair."

Exhibitors must "show" their animals to qualified judges. Youth can earn money based on how the animal is judged and how well the exhibitor displayed/showed



their animals.

"There are different showmanship techniques depending on each species they are showing," Mosley said. "There are also a lot of educational opportunities and clinics offered by FFA so they can learn how to be the best exhibitors they can be."

"I think that it means a lot to these students to be able to participate in front of their hometown, their friends, and family.

Their principals and teachers will come out and watch them. I think they put their best foot forward and work really hard to do the best they can in front of their hometown crowd," Moseley said.

For more information about competitive exhibits and shows available, go to claycountyfair.org.

- Kylie Cordell



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Bob and Gary: Spitting images of cuddly, furry friends

With their long necks, soft fluffy coats, and fuzzy bangs that partly hide their eyes, Alpacas Bob and Gary, are impossible not to love.

Owner Amanda Jo Flynn adopted the rescues nearly two and a half years ago. Best friends Bob and Gary now live happily in Keystone Heights along

> with other rescues like Betty Joe the pig, hens Francis and Helen and Donnie the donkey.

Fairgoers will be able to visit the iconic duo all 11 days of the fair in the livestock barn, causing havoc with the goats.

"Alpacas are naturally livestock protectors and very territorial," Amanda said. "But they are also very entertaining animals. They have a lot of personality."

Although Bob and Gary are usually mild-tempered and love getting their necks rubbed, Flynn said they could also be a little moody. For one, they have spitting matches across the yard, especially around mealtime.

The Alpacas will be kept at a distance from fairgoers to prevent people from getting caught in the crossfire – actually spitfire.

"They will be there for people to see, but they will be back a little further to prevent spitting," Flynn said.

To keep them cool, Bob and Gary will also be freshly sheared. Their fibers will be on display for people to feel the texture of their fur. But don't worry, the Alpacas dress to impress even without their luxurious coats.

"I put little ties on them," Flynn said. The Alpacas will also be sporting mullets. One of them might appear in the mullet competition, she hinted.

"It's enjoyable, and it makes people smile. People love how funny they are and their personalities. That's my whole point- to rescue these animals and make people laugh," Flynn said.

Kylie Cordell

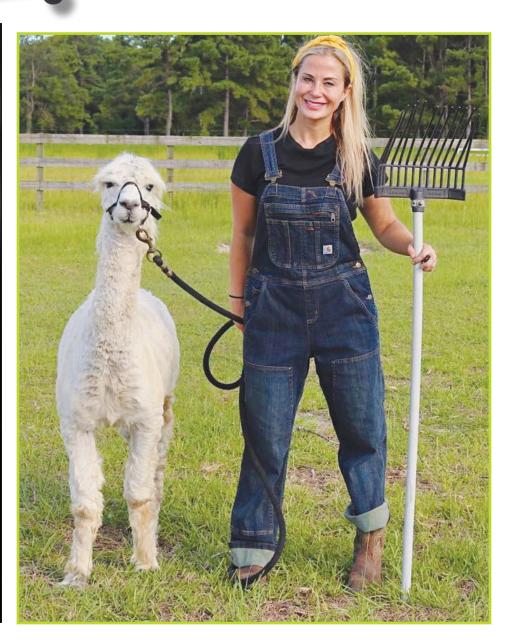
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Homemade Hounds joins Twisted Oaks, Clay Animal Services for Adoption Day

Local animal rescues and shelters are coming together for an event on Sunday, April 1, at the Clay County Agricultural Fair, where shelter and rescue dogs will be up for adoption. The event will be at the Cattlemen's Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"For the Adoption Event, we're bringing together a number of different resources and shelters to bring adoptable dogs out to the fair," said Talsey Wheeler with Homemade Hounds, a boarding and training facility in Middleburg.

"We're specifically looking to bring out Clay County Animal Services, Twisted Oaks Rescue Services, and quite a few other animal-related places like Pet Supply Plus," she said.

The Clay County Animal Services will also assist fair guests with dogs that need fur-ever homes.

"It's a wonderful time in rescue. I've been doing these 20-something years, and it's a really cool thing to see everyone come together to be a beacon of light for these animals," she said.

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Last year, 28 out of 32 dogs at the fair found new homes. In addition to the 28, Clay County Animal Services adopted the remaining nine dogs.

Besides adoptable dogs, there will be a meet and greet for the dogs and their new owners and a trainer table where people can ask questions about the adoption process. Homemade Hounds will also host a Youth Dog Show on April 9 at noon at the J.P. Hall Livestock Arena.

"It's a fun and exciting way for kids to get involved with dogs, dog training and have fun," Wheeler said.

– Kylie Cordell

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Fun Fish Show to take first plunge at this year's fair

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Goldfish have long gotten a bad rep, but these fish have something special underneath their scaly exterior. Maybe you can't walk them around the block or play fetch, but these animals have much to prove.

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With lots of patience and determination, goldfish owners across Northeast Florida will unite to show the very best of their fishy friends.

Clay County's goldfish will compete for "grand champion" during the Fun Fish Show on April 8 from 3-4 p.m. at the JP Hall Show Barn Arena. The show will have two divisions; the Juniors for ages 3-12; seniors for 13-18 years old.

"A few of the livestock exhibitors started showing the goldfish that they



Fun Fish Show 3-4pm To enter, the fish shown must be of goldfish species. Please have your fish, container and show stick ready for inspection upon

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won at the fair, and it became a tradition," said Blake Kendrick, Juinor Fish Show Superintendent

There will be two parts to the show: general classes and showmanship. In the general categories, fish will be judged on coloring, frame, eyes, body, fins, size and overall marketability. Judges will be looking at the overall soundness of the fish.

"Judges are looking for fit goldfish. They don't want a goldfish that's too fat or a goldfish that's just bone. They don't like fins that are too small or fins that are too big. It's all about being proportionate," Kendrick said.

During the fish showmanship competition, exhibitors will be judged based on how they show their goldfish. Exhibitors are to enter the ring and circle the judge slowly in a clockwise motion approximately three-to-four feet away.

Fish have to be presented in a clear, plastic container.

"It's competitive in a fun way. It goes back to its roots of being a fun thing for exhibitors to do after the fair," Kendrick said. "But there will also be prizes for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion."

To enter, the fish shown must be of goldfish species. If officials cannot identify the fish's species, it won't be allowed in the show

Entries will be in person only. Check-in will be outside of the arena. Please have your fish, container and show stick ready for inspection upon check-in.



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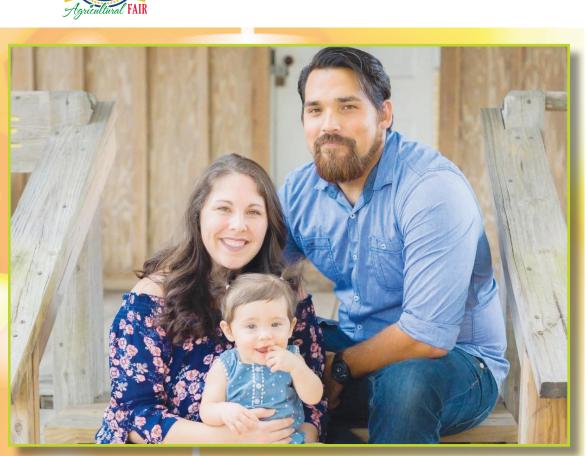


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Ashton is joined by her daughter Taytum and husband Matthew Hernandez

ASHTON HERNANDEZ

Doughnuts, concerts bring peace of mind to local woman

Friends were so concerned about Ashton Hernandez when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancelation of the 2020 Clay County Agriculture Fair they often stopped by her house or her job to make sure she was all right.

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• When she's not styling hair, you will find her a one of her favorite places – eating Amish doughnuts and enjoying the sounds, smells and sights at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

"That's the first thing I always do – get an Amish doughnut," she said.

She will have a jump on the thousands of fairgoers at the opening ceremonies on March 30 because she will be recognized as the inaugural Greatest Fair Fan. In a special presentation, Ashton will join Rosie Williams, who was selected as the Fairest Fair Kid.

Both will earn free admission into the Fair, a special sash, shirt, plaque, button and "the ultimate bragging rights," Hyder said.

"Ashton was chosen because she loves our Fair so much she had her wedding photos taken at the Fair," said Executive Director Tasha Hyder. "When we canceled in 2020, everyone checked on her because they knew she would be affected. That's the type of fan we were looking for. She definitely checked all of the boxes."

Ashton said she started going to the Fair as a child. Now a working mother, she said she wouldn't be able to go all 11 days, but she will be there most nights – especially for the concerts.

"I love the food and all of the concerts," she said. "My favorite was Thomas Rhett. I also saw Vanilla Ice."

As soon as the door opens, Ashton will make a beeline to the doughnut trailer along the busy Food Corral.

"I can't wait to get a doughnut," she said. "That always puts you in a good mood."



ROSIE WHALIAMS

Rosie was an easy choice for Fairest Fair Kid,

Hyder said. The RideOut Elementary student is blind but her boisterous laughter could be heard throughout the fairgrounds.

"You know, I think we're all kids favorites," Hyder said. "You know, kids are the greatest fans, but Rosie gives us a little extra. If you were there with Sunflower Hours last year and just heard her laugh, enjoy her day with no cares in the world. It's pretty easy to understand why she was chosen."

- Don Coble





Popular Sunflowers Hours return for fair-goers with hidden disabilities

Last year's Sunflower Hours at the Clay County Agriculture Fair was such a success it will return – this time with two additional hours.

The Sunflower Project partnered with the Fair a year ago to add several sensory rooms and no loud noises to accommodate guests with hidden disabilities.

"Our most innovative project was Sunflower Hours," said Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder. "It was a challenge, but I'm so happy with how it turned out."

This year's quiet time will be April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For some, it's the only time during the busy 11-day run they can find the necessary seclusion to enjoy rides, livestock barns, food and Midway.

One boy who attended the fair a year ago was Nicholas Hardwick, who has autism. He probably would have stayed home without the relative silence and tents for decompressing.

"It's awesome. It's amazing," his mother, Kim Hardwick, said. "He probably wouldn't have come to the Fair when he was younger. He definitely needed a place like this to go get away from the noise, the



Sunflower Hours

Saturday, April 1 10am - 3pm

lights, the sounds."

Sunflower Hours were created to help fair-goers with disabilities like autism, Asperger syndrome, brain injuries, Chron's Disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, chronic pain, Cystic Fibrosis, depression, ADHD, bipolar disorders, Schizophrenia, diabetes and other cognitive impairments.

Those participating will wear a Hidden Disabilities lanyard and a hard card with the organization's universal symbol – a sunflower.

The program was so successful a year ago the fair won most association finished second in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from the Florida Festivals and Events Association.

The purple tents were in the middle of high-traffic areas. Those who needed to escape the hustle could step inside to avoid the bustle.

"He can come in and decompress," Kim Hardwick said.

In an effort to better serve the selected group, Hyder asks anyone without a



hidden disability to respect the needs of those who probably couldn't enjoy the Fair without quiet hours.

"We are encouraging people that if you are not here for Sunflower Hours, let them have their time," she said. "The Fair is open for 11 days and we're only asking for hours from 10 (a.m.) to 3 (p.m.). If you don't need to be here, please let them enjoy the fair, too." – Don Coble





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QR code egg hunt: Enjoy a timeless Easter tradition ... with a modern twist

Peter Cottontail is coming to the Clay County Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 9, and this year, Peter is ditching the plastic candy-filled eggs for QR codes.

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"Easter egg hunts are very challenging. You never have enough easter eggs for the kids, and we don't want anyone crying on Easter," Clay County Agricultural Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder said. "So we started the QR Easter egg hunt."

But don't worry. There still are going to be Easter goodies.

"There's going to be free rides, Easter eggs that have candy in them. There's going to be a real, live bunny. There's going to be a face painter," Hyder said.

A total of 15 eggs will be scattered throughout the fairgrounds with special activities and Easter goodies.

Children can scan QR codes. Once scanned, fairgoers will receive their first clue in their Easter "Egg" QR Code Hunt. Each code reveals the next hiding spot they need to search to find the next QR code.

"An Easter bunny will also be at the end of the QR Easter Egg hunt. Kids can sit with the Easter Bunny and get their picture taken," Hyder said.

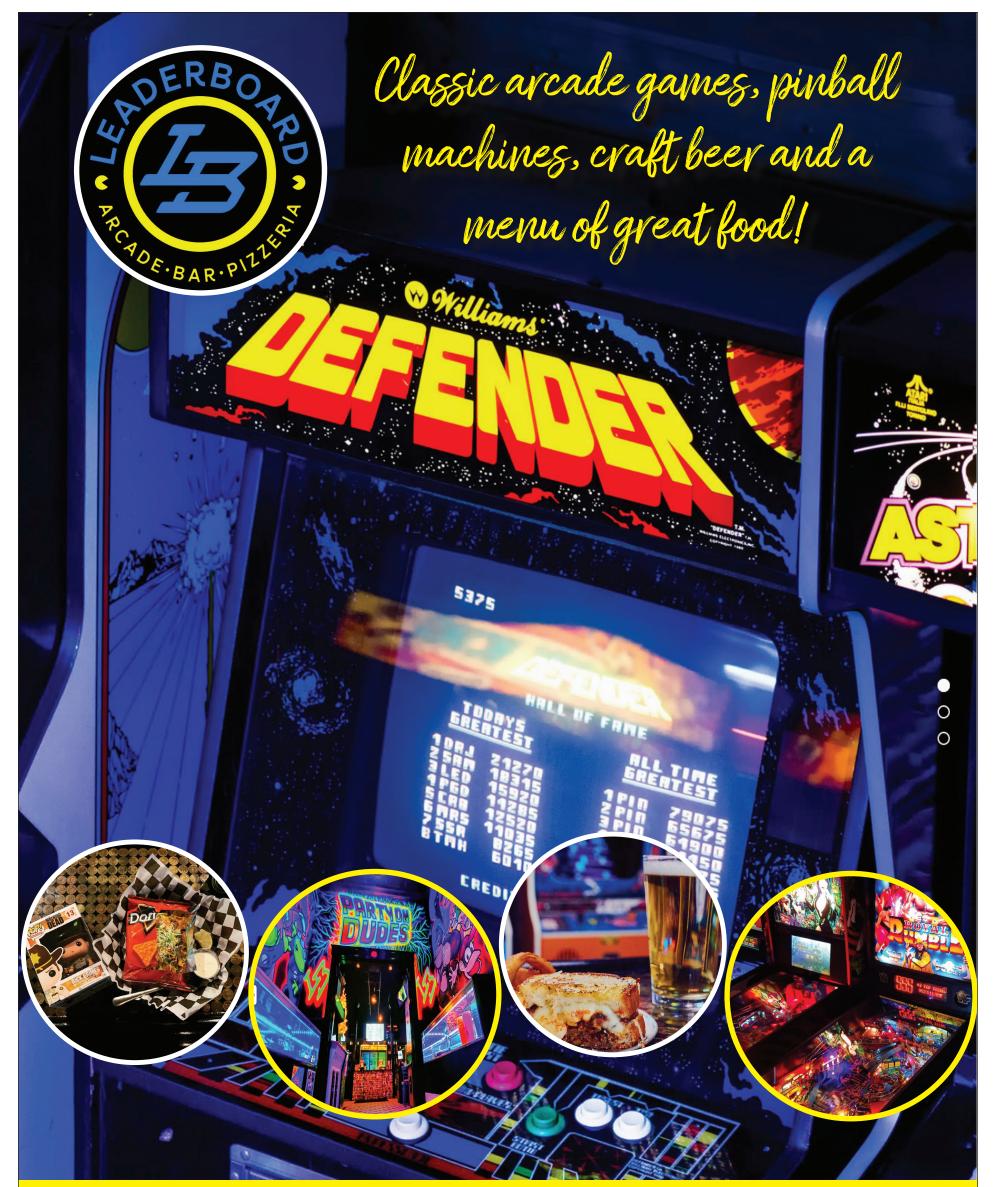
Easter activities will start at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

"If you don't know how to use a QR code, we can give you a list of where the eggs are at," Hyder said.

– Kylie Cordell

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9 11am - 3pm





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"The purpose of this program is to shine light on our commitment to our community and to show appreciation to those that have given so much to us," Clay County Agriculture Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder said.

This year, the fair will engage with local nonprofits to help organize a food drive and to ensure donations are locally dispersed.

The fair selected Food Bridge United Methodist Church in Middleburg as its ben-



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eficiary for the canned goods this year. The Food Bridge UMC also provides patrons with frozen meat, fresh produce, bread, dry goods and dairy products. The drive will also benefit Clay County Education Foundation and Clay County

Animal Services when fairgoers bring school supplies and pet food. "If you bring anything within those three categories to the fair for our Fair Cares

Day on April 4, you get \$5 admission – and that's more than half off," Hyder said. You can bring items to the fairground. The Main Gate and the North Gate will be accepting donations." – Kylie Cordell

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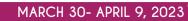
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Agriculture always will be primary theme of Clay County Fair

Ag-Town returns for second year to educate, entertain

The one thing that's not lost with Rebecca is the word "agriculture" in the name of the Clay County Agriculture Fair.

"I have dedicated my life to the agriculture industry," the owner of Russell's Feed and Farm Supply in Middleburg said. "Agriculture is how we make our living."

Bailey has been a fixture at the fairgrounds for years. Russell has operated a booth in the livestock barn and as the Ag-Education Director for the Fair, she will be splitting her time between the barn and the new Ag-Town exhibit.

Ag-Town debuted last year, and its purpose is the educate and entertain. Executive Director Tasha







Hyder said it is a small town in the barn where farming is fun.

The fair opens on March 30 and runs for 11 days at the Clay County

Fairgrounds. Ag-Town will be open daily between the midway and the livestock barns. "We have



had a booth in the livestock barn during the

Rebecca Bailey

fair for years. We also love supporting our youth and watching them with their projects," Bailey said. "I took on the Ag Education Director seat for the Clay County Agricultural Fair a year ago. Before then, I spent hours volunteering in the office but did not know all the details, dedication, and planning that went into making our fair a success. It's a lot of work, but I love it. There are a lot of things going on that nobody sees. Being part of the Fair Board is a lot of work, but I'm very excited to do it."

Russell said Ag-Town promotes agriculture with youth organizations like the Future Farmers of America and 4-H.

"We support our youth project there," Bailey said. "We set up our booth so all the kids have the supplies they need, like their brush or their pig whip. Our son has grown up out there. He can go into the goat pens and see how all these works."

For Bailey, it's more than an exhibit. It's a way of life.

"Along with being a director, I am a fair member and Russell's feed is a ticket outlet, a sponsor and a vendor," she said. "During the Fair, you will catch me either at our Russell's Feed booth in the barn or in Ag-Town. We will have some pretty cool places to visit, fun learning for all ages, entertainment, live auctions and a mayor." – Don Coble



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Friday, March 31

11am: Youth STEM contest: The 2023 theme is to engineer a Ferris Wheel. Youth will apply science and engineering concepts to build a Ferris Wheel out of supplies provided at the event. Event begins at 11am in the Cattleman's Arena.

Each team consists of four members in the same age range as well as an adult coach. The ages are:

Pee Wee & Juniors (team must have one Pee Wee member ages 5-7 and one Junior 8-10) Juniors (ages 8-10) Intermediates (ages 11-13) Seniors (ages 14-18)

Visit claycountyfair.org for more information.

10am: Open Youth Goat Fitting & Grooming 6pm: 4H/FFA Youth Dairy Show

Saturday, April 1

10am: Open Dairy Goat Show 3pm: Unlimited Goat Show 6pm: 4H/FFA Swine Show

Sunday, April 2

11am, 1pm, 3pm: Charcuterie Board Contest Exhibit Building 1pm: Open Youth Rabbit Fashion Show 3pm: Rabbit Showmanship 5pm: Mullet Match Registration starts at 4pm. Categories: Toddler, Youth, Teen Adult and Seniors Guest Judges Lane Pittman and Fisher Mounds (AgTown)

6pm: 4H/FFA Youth Heifer Show

Monday, April 3

5 pm: Poultry Showmanship 6pm: High School Drumline Exhibition Located on the Communty Stage

Tuesday, April 4

6:30pm: *Bingo* Located at Community Stage

Wednesday, April 5

1-7pm: Puzzle Contest located in the Exhibit Building 3:30pm: Bingo Located at Community Stage 7pm: 4H/FFA Steer Show

Thursday, April 6

4pm: Youth Tractor Driving Contest located in the Cattlemans Arena

6pm: High School Competition This is located in the Cattlemen's Arena. The Competition is open to all Clay County Public High Schools. Each school shall have a total of eight contestants; of which four shall be male and four shall be female. Any three students may participate in the land skiing. No one student may participate in more than one of the events that require a single contestant - chicken run, cow pie toss, hay bale flip and brain brawl. All eight students may participate in the tug-of-war event.

6:30pm: Beard & Mustache Contest located on the

Community Stage There are four categories: Mustache only Best Groomed Whisker Face Longest Beard Freestyle

All contestants must compete with their own naturally grown beard/ mustache. No costume beards, fake beards that are glued on. Visit claycountyfair.org for more information.

Friday, April 7

9am: 4H/FFA Livestock Judging 10am: Youth Tailgating/ Grilling is located at the Cattlemen's Arena outer ring behind Cattlemen's kitchen. See claycountyfair.org for registration and rules.

7pm: Star Search All ages are welcome to participate in the Star Search talent show. This event is open to all amateur entertainers. There are two age categories to

compete in: Youth 14 and under and Adult 15 and up. Awards will be handed out for

each age. Visit claycountyfair.org for a list of rules.

6pm: Husband Calling Registration starts at 5:30 pm located in AgTown

Saturday, April 8

11 am: 4H/FFA Poultry Judging 1pm: 4H/FFA Horticulture Judging & ID Noon: Open youth Whip Popping: Located in the Livestock Barn Arena, entries will be walk up on the day of the contest. There will be four Divisions: Pee Wee 7 Years old and under

Junior Division (8-10) Intermediate Division (11-13) Senior Division (14-18) Visit claycountyfair.org for more information.

Sunday, April 9

Noon: Youth Dog Trick Show Event Located at the J.P. Hall Livestock Arena. 4pm: Open Devilled Egg Contest Located in the Exhibit Building

More opportunities

Visit Claycountyfair.org under the particpate tab for information and applications for all contests.

Hale Bale Decorating: visit claycountyfair.org for an application. Entry deadline is March 17. Theme: "Fair Is For Everyone"

Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant: Open to all Clay Clay County residents. Application deadline was March 4. There is a \$100 application fee. Pageant is March 18. Categories: Miss Clay County Fair Ages 16-19 Teen Miss Ages 13-15 Pre-teen Ages 11-12 Junior Miss Ages 9-10

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Picnic Project One person's rubbish becomes colorful art to benefit charity

Wooden picnic tables slated for the junkyard last year were transformed into pieces of art that were auctioned at the Clay County Agriculture Fair to help 44 statewide charities.

The program was so successful it would return to this year's Fair.

Local artists were invited to paint 21 tables on March 3. The tables will be displayed at the fairgrounds for all 11 days, and fair-goers can bid for any of the tables.

Last year, the Clay County Fair joined the South Florida Fair in West Palm Beach to sell picnic tables. Together, they turned money-generating art pieces to earn more than \$200,000 for charity. Both fairs were awarded the Community Impact Award by the Florida Festivals and Events Association for their work.

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"Two of my favorite things to share were our Sunflower Hours and our picnic project," said Tasha Hyder, the fair's executive director. "I'm super happy with how they both turned out."

Hyder said she plans to continue the Picnic Project "as long as we have picnic tables."



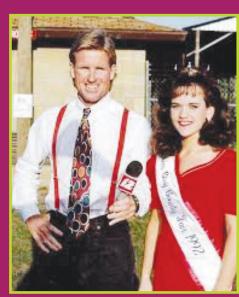






The 2023 Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant is March 25 at Lake Asbury Baptist Church. The deadline for the application was March 3. To meet press time the Clay Today will announce the winners in an March 30 edition. There are four age

Each queen should be able to speak effectively and respond to questions concerning the fair, pageant and themselves. They should be friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and sincere and each queen should be of good moral character.





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Brooklyn Pierce Brooklyn Pierce who is 17 years old and attends Sea Mark Ranch. Brooklyn is going into the 3rd year of volunteering and averages 80 to 100 hours a year at the Clay County Fair. Brooklyn is reliable and the willingness to help others has also been crucial in the position of the front gate at the fair.

Ethan Higginbotham

Ethan Higginbotham has been volunteering at the fair for three years. Ethan was Johnny on the spot last year. No matter what we were working on whether it was a pig area, steer area, rabbit area, general maintenance of the barn before the fair and during the fair I never once asked him for help, but every opportunity he saw someone working he got up and offered.

Nick Nagel

Nick Nagel has been volunteering at the fair for years. Nick volunteers with our Sponsorship and Vendor areas. You will often see Nick riding around with cases of Coke products ready to stock the machines. Nick arrives weeks before the fair opens to stock the Coke machines so that they're nice and cold for the guests. When Nick is not maintaining the cold drinks you will often see him helping vendors with their setup and he has mastered the art of putting up and moving popup tents. Nick is often pulled in many different directions and is a pro at pivoting when planned events go off schedule. It truly is a Family A* Fair for Nick, his parents, wife and children are often seen helping Nick with his fair lists.

Elysia Armington

Elysia Armington has been volunteering at the fair for 15-plus years, she started at the Main Gate and has been vital in running our Rooter Tent, which is our VIP and Sponsor tent. She is entrusted to interact with the fair's most distinguished guests and she does so seamlessly. We know our guests are in good hands with Elysia greeting them. Elysia is always just a call away from helping whenever and however she can. Elysia and her entire family are big parts of the fair and we are grateful for their many volunteer hours.









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OPPD's Faircloth, Williams among 12 who will be honored at Fair

Orange Park Police Department officers Douglas Faircloth and Joe Williams were honored recently by the Town Council for saving two lives.

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The Clay County Agriculture Fair will extend the muchdeserved recognition by highlighting both – and 10 others – as Heroes of the Day.

All will receive a Made in the USA flag, four fair admission passes and a \$25 meal to show its appreciation to all who've

made a significant impact in the community. Faircloth and Williams will join in a daily ceremony from 5-6 p.m.:

Faircloth was credited with jumping into the St. Johns River in January 2021 to save a suicidal boy.

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Williams responded to a shooting and provided life-saving aid to stop the bleeding, ultimately leading to the victim's full recovery. Heroes of the Day

Douglas Faircloth, OPPD Joe Williams, OPPD Ted Kostich, Army John Burke, Navy Brandon Shadrock, Navy Steven Cordero, Navy Dennis Berry, Navy EMS Conner Hatlestad Justin Palmer, CCSO Steven Molina, CCSO Johnnie Robinson, CCSO Robert "Bobby" Bassler, CCSO



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Expect a lot of energy when the fair becomes an all-day carnival of sights and sounds, starting with a DJ at the front gate from noon to 3 p.m. and another DJ playing another setlist from 3-4:15 p.m.

From the start, Fiesta Family Friday has been one of the most popular days of the fair since it includes a one-time \$30 general admission ticket for two adults and as many as four children until 8 p.m.

From there, there will be food, salsa dancing lessons, fireworks at 10 p.m. and music at the Community Stage near the Early Florida Village. Entertainment will include musical styles from Latin Music, including salsa, merengue, pop and reggaetón.

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The Clay County Agriculture Fair isn't what Tasha Hyder does. It's who she is.

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The merry-go-round, agriculture barns and giant pretzels are reasons why more than 130,000 will attend this year's 11-day event at the Clay County Fairgrounds. But for Hyder and the fair board of executive board members, the impact lasts all year.

"It takes a lot of hard work by our volunteers and board of directors to put on a successful fair," Hyder said. "It takes an incredible team"

With support from executive board members Bob Olson, Sandra Wilson, Bill Elrod and Kelly Mosley, and board directors Rebecca Bailey, Bruce Butler, Zach Lassiter, Kimberly Middleton, Michael Rathjen, Andrea Tharp, Katie Whitehead, Bevvery Whitener and Johnny Mack Smith, Clay County Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, Sheriff's Office



and County Commissioners, Hyder was recognized as a "Top 40 Under 40" professional by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Part of the process included a lengthy questionnaire, including the guestion: "What's the best advice you've received



in your professional career?"

"I told them you get out of your community what you put back into it," she said. "And that is why I'm so big about giving back to our community. Because it is, you know, the Clay County Fair. Our people love our fair, and they give back to our community. They support us when we need them."

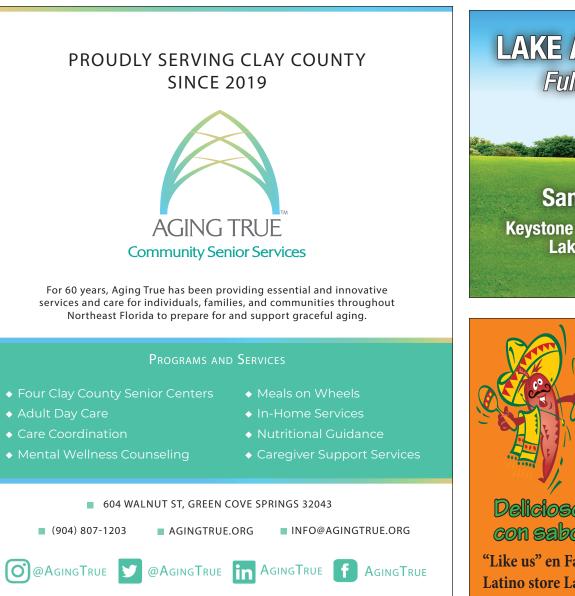
They also wanted to know about her beliefs and theories.

Soon after Hurricane Ian ravaged the Fort Myers area, Hyder and Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook organized a massive relief effort at the fairgrounds to collect supplies. Their original goal was to fill two tractor-trailers with water, food and cleaning supplies.

In all, more than six loads, including trailers of hay for displaced animals, were sent to Southwest Florida.

"We use the word overwhelming. And heartwarming," Hyder said. "We knew our community and our fair board were awesome, but they went above and beyond for us. They really knocked it out. They understood the assignment and they got an A-plus-plus."

Hyder said the best celebration for her and fair volunteers will come between March 30 and April 9 with happy families enjoying what she believes will be the best Fair yet.



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Deggeller Attractions' Midway bringing thrills back to Fair for 26th year

Newest ride Crazy Mouse rollercoaster added to the growing lineup

Deggeller Attractions was part of the first Clay County Agriculture Fair in 1987, and it's provided amusement rides and a carnival atmosphere since.

There were just a handful of rides at the first Fair. This year, there will be more than 45, including the new Crazy Mouse rollercoaster, where passenger compartments spin while traversing the twisting course, according to Jamie Deggeller.

"I was told on that first year, they drew out the plans on a napkin," Deggeller said of the layout. "The fair has grown by leaps and bounds since."

Deggeller said, "Clay is definitely top for us in Florida and we do a lot of fairs in Florida."

Armbands again allow riders to enjoy most rides without buying individual tickets. By using armbands, riders can avoid standing in line for tickets and avoid person-toperson contact.

"We're very excited. There's a lot of new protocols," Deggeller said. "There's going to be a lot of new fun stuff there, like our armbands with RFID chips. You can put the app on your phone or tap your armband against the monitor. We will have one of these monitors at every ride. We're excited about that, especially with the future of apps."

The cost of armbands ranges from \$12 a day to \$30. Fair-goers can buy armbands for \$17 a day in advance, and they're good for every day except Saturdays. Armbands can be purchased online at claycountyfair.org.

With the tap of your phone or armbands, patrons can enjoy some of Deggeller's most popular attractions like the Riptide,

Century Ferris wheel, Cliffhanger, Enterprise, Fireball, Hydra, Sea Ray, Super Shot, Vertigo, Typhoon, Starship, Spaceport, Zipper, Zero Gravity, Yoyo and Atlantis.

Deggeller also will have plenty



Date	Time	Armband
March 30	3pm	\$12
March 31	10am	^{\$} 25
April 1	10am	^{\$} 30
April 2	11am	\$25
April 3	4pm	^{\$} 20
April 4	4pm	^{\$} 20
April 5	Noon	LTD rides
Free Ferris Wheel & Carousel for Seniors		
From Noon - 1 pm		
	All rides 1pm \$20	
April 6	4pm	\$3O
April 7	10am	^{\$} 25
April 8	10am	^{\$} 30
April 9	11am	^{\$} 25















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A sampling of what's coming to the fair Rider requirement: 42" Minimum

Hydra

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The Hydra is one of the most popular rides on the midway. Upon boarding, riders are secured with over-the-shoulder restraints. As the claw begins to rotate, it starts to swing back and forth until it reaches its full height of 60' in the air! Combining a spinning and swinging motion, the Extreme provides riders with a completely unique riding experience.

Rider requirement: 48" Minimum **Ride Intensity: Maximum**

Super shot

Riders are safely secured in the ride vehicle using a seat belt and over-the-shoulder restraint. As the vehicle slowly raises, riders enjoy a breathtaking view of the surrounding midway. Once at the top, the vehicle pauses and plummets to the ground when the riders least expect it! Rider requirement: 48" Minimum **Ride Intensity: Maximum**

Spaceport

One of the tallest rides at the fair! Take a spin around at speeds up to 60 mph as you spin in vour seat

Rider requirement: 56" Minimum 75" Max **Ride Intensity: High**

Vertiao

The Vertigo is a high swing thrill ride that swings riders 90ft above the midway! Rider requirement: 48" Minimum **Ride Intensity: Maximum**

Riptide

The Riptide is a spectacular roller coaster, manufactured by Pinfari. The Riptide features a series of hills followed by a spiral helix grand finale.

Based on other fairs so far this year,

Rider requirement: 48" Minimum **Ride Intensity: Maximum**

The Americana Carousel

The Americana Carousel is a classic, American themed carousel sporting a patriotic red, white and blue color scheme. Each of the horses features decorations celebrating great moments in US history. **Ride Intensity: Mild**

The Scooter

The Scooter, otherwise known as the bumper cars, is a timeless classic. Riders can crash into one another without causing an accident or receiving a traffic violation! Rider requirement: 42" Minimum with an adult

Ride Intensity: Medium

The Tilt-A-Whirl

The Tilt-A-Whirl is a timeless classic found on almost every carnival midway in America. Since its inception in 1926, over 1,000 Tilt-A-Whirls were produced. As the platform moves through the hills and valleys on the track, the free spinning tubs rotate on a axis. With a little teamwork, a family can lean right or left to make their vehicle spin faster. Rider requirement: 36" Minimum with an adult 46" without **Ride: Intensity High**

NEMO

The Clown Fish is a classic kiddie ride in which children ride in colorful clown fish vehicles. As the ride spins, the fish swim up and down through the water. The Clown Fish was originally themed as Buldgy The Whale at its inception in the 1950s. Rider requirement: 36" Minimum 48" Max **Ride Intensity: Low**

The Orient Express

The Orient Express is a kiddie roller coaster that mom and dad can ride along too! Each of the adult size cars features a padded lap bar for safety. As the coaster goes down its first hill, the train enters a spiral loop and then makes a turn back to the station. Rider requirement: 36" with adult 48" alone **Ride Intensity: Medium**



"We're very excited. There's a lot of new protocols," Deggeller said. "There's going to be a lot of new fun stuff there, like our armbands with RFID chips. You can put the app on your phone or tap your armband against the monitor. We will have one of these monitors at every ride. We're excited about that, especially with the future of apps."

- Jamie Deggeller

County Fairgrounds.

"The crowds have been big, especially with the good weather," she said. "It's good to be back to normal."

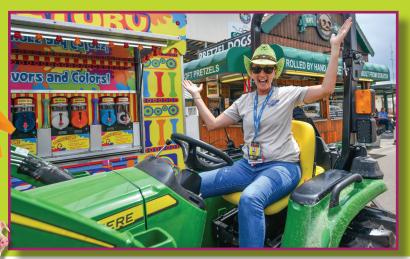
There still be hand-sanitizing stations throughout the midways.

"People are tired of sitting at home. The fair puts on a good product," Deggeller said. "They do an excellent job. It's going to be fun."

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Parking

Is FREE at the Fairgrounds. Please allow the Clay County Sheriff Deputies to direct you to park. Be sure to lock your vehicle, and take note of where you have parked. We have 3 parking lots: North, Main, & South. Take a minute to familiarize yourself with your surroundings when you arrive to avoid confusion when you depart. When driving in the parking lots, please drive with caution and watch for "pedestrian traffic"

Tram Schedule

For your convenience, trams will be provided and run daily from the main gate.

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Fair Admission

Admission prices are \$10.00 for adults (13-59), seniors \$7.00 (60+), \$7.00 for children (6-12), and children 5 and under are free. Gate admission will end 90 minutes prior to the listed closing times. No admission will be allowed after that time.

ATMs

ATMs are conveniently located throughout the Fairgrounds. (see Fairgrounds directory for locations)

Rentals

Are provided by Clay County Fair Association located behind the Main Gate while supplies last. We charge the following rates: \$50 per scooter daily, \$35 per scooter half day, \$10 per double stroller, \$5 per single stroller & \$15 per wagon. isolating headphones.

Restrooms

Are located at the main gate, outside the Cattlemen's Arena, across from Exhibit Building 1 and next to Kiddy Land on the midway. Portable restrooms are also available throughout the Fairgrounds.

Cool Down Areas

For the convenience of our guests we have two cool down areas: Exhibit Bldg 2 and the tent near the Livestock Barns. Both areas include picnic tables for eating.

Diaper Changing Facilities

Are available in all permanent restrooms.

Nursing Stations Sponsored by HCA Ornage Park,

for privacy and convenience nursing stations can be found in the back of Exhibit Bldg. 2

Lost & Found

Is located at Guest Services at the Main Gate and next to Exhibit Building I.

Recycling The Clay County Agricultural Fair is proud to be GREEN! Please use the recycling containers located next to each trash receptacle throughout the fairgrounds. Our recycling partners include Advanced Disposal, Keep Clay Beautiful, Clay County Environmental Services.

First Aid Sponsored by HCA Orange Park is located next to Exhibit Building I.

Fair Store

Forget to bring something to the fair? Don't worry we have you covered; sunscreen, aspirin, chap stick, rain ponchos, and much more. Also get your 2023 Fair Swag.

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Weather

Be prepared with sunscreen and visors on warm sunny days. Have a jacket or sweatshirt for cool evenings. A poncho or umbrella is a good idea if skies turn grey. Tune into News4Jax for your daily "Fair Weather" report.

Shoe attire

With over 40 acres of activities there is plenty of walking to do, we recommend wearing comfortable closed toe shoes.

Coolers

No bottles, cans, coolers or picnic baskets are permitted on the fairgrounds.

All bags are subject for inspection to ensure the safety of all guests. Random bags checks will be conducted.

Cameras

There will be plenty of memorable moments, so bring your camera or video camera and capture the special day forever. Please note: Cameras and video cameras may be prohibited during certain entertainment events.

Pets

We love pets, but the fair is not pet friendly. Pets are not permitted on the Fairgrounds except service animals in compliance with the ADA. Emotional support not allowed.

Smoking

We are a smoke free fair, but have created two smoke zones for your convenience. The zones are located behind the main gate restrooms and near the north gate restrooms.

Phone Charging Stations

Located in Catlemen's & EZ Rest Area near the barn.

Protests

During the Fair, the Fair does not provide space for meet and greets, campaign rallies, fundraisers or other political events. Political signs and picketing are allowed only in designated areas

We are alcohol free

While the Clay County Commission approved the sale of beer and wine at the Clay County Fairgrounds in 2018, the Clay County Agricultural Fair will still remain alcohol free.

"We have no desire to serve or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Clay County Fair," wrote Tasha Hyder, general manager of the Clay County Agricultural Fair, in a letter to the Clay County Board of County Commissioners. "It is our position that we will remain an alcohol-free fair, regardless of the county's decision to allow alcohol on the fairgrounds or not. We have been and will continue being 'A family A*fair."





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" Our mission at the CCSO is to foster a safe community where our families and our businesses thrive. If we can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to reach out. enjoy your time at the fair! "

Sheriff Michelle Cook





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Presented by HOMEMADE HOUNDS. Rescues will include CLAY COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, SAFE ANIMAL SHELTER, and more. Pet vendors will also be on-site.

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