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Clay County Fair free stage lineup revealed

NORTHWEST BANK STAGE

The Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, announced this year's free entertainment lineup for the Northwest Bank Stage. From nostalgic tribute acts and crowd-favorite classics to stand-up comedy and lively Latin rhythms, this year's schedule offers the perfect prescription for fairgoers looking to embrace their "Fair Brain" symptoms.

• Sept. 12-14: Laugh along with Mary Mack, a stand-up comedian known for her uniquely quirky storytelling, high-energy delivery and unmistakable Midwestern charm. Drawing inspiration from life along the Minnesota-Wisconsin border, Mary's comedy blends absurd observations, unexpected twists and relatable humor, keeping audiences laughing from start to finish.

• Sept. 12-14: Take a musical journey through the decades with The Sidekicks, a high-energy tribute group celebrating the greatest hits from the '70s, '80s, '90s and beyond. Featuring professional musicians, crowd interaction and nonstop singalong moments, their show delivers a fun and nostalgic experience packed with the songs audiences know and love.

• Sept. 15-17: Step back into the golden age of rock 'n' roll with The Holy Rocka Rollaz, a Minnesota-based band bringing the spirit of the 1950s to life. Inspired by legendary artists like Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry and Johnny Cash, their family-friendly performances capture the timeless energy and excitement of early rock music.

• Sept. 15-17: Honor America's veterans and military heroes with Tribute to the Troops, a powerful female vocal trio delivering heartfelt patriotic performances. Through rich harmonies and inspiring songs celebrating service and sacrifice, this moving show offers audiences a meaningful tribute filled with gratitude, pride and uplifting entertainment.

• Sept. 18-20: Experience the vibrant sounds of Cuba with Charanga Tropical, a dynamic Latin dance orchestra blending strings, flute, vocals and infectious rhythms. Rooted in the traditional Cuban charanga style, their performances feature everything from elegant danzones to energetic salsa, cha-cha-cha, son and timba — creating an authentic, danceable musical experience.

• Sept. 18-20: Enjoy the unforgettable sound of one of rock's most iconic horn bands with Tran-



sit Authority, a tribute group dedicated to faithfully recreating the music of Chicago. Featuring an eight-piece lineup of seasoned musicians, the band performs classic hits like "25 or 6 to 4," "Beginnings" and "Make Me Smile" with the energy, precision and rich arrangements fans remember.

FARMERS BANK STAGE

Cases of "Fair Brain" continue to spread as the 2026 Clay County Fair, powered by SMU, announces another exciting lineup of free entertainment at the Farmers Bank Stage. Symptoms may include laughter, dancing, spontaneous singalongs and an uncontrollable urge to stay at the fair just a little longer. Featuring comedy, storytelling, roots music and crowd-favorite classics, this year's lineup delivers a daily dose of live entertainment for fairgoers of all ages.

• Sept. 12-14: Prepare for laughter and mind-bending surprises with Parker William, a comedy mentalist and magician known for blending sharp humor, audience interaction and impossible feats of mind reading. His fast-paced performance keeps audiences laughing, guessing and fully engaged from beginning to end.

• Sept. 12-14: Enjoy a lively mix of country music and comedy with Poppa Bear Norton, a Minnesota-based duo bringing their signature "daredevil country" style to the stage. Inspired by legends like Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings, their performances combine classic country storytelling with witty banter, energetic stage antics and plenty of laughs.

• Sept. 15-17: Experience the

STORM WATER DISCHARGE NOTICE — SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Spencer Municipal Utilities plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities". The storm water discharge will be from the 2026 Water Main Construction Project in Spencer, IA. The project is located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, T96N, R37W of the 5th Principal Meridian, Clay County, Iowa. Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source and will be discharged to the following: Overland Drainage to the Little Sioux River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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PROBATE NOTICE — JOHN R. ROBERTS

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY

PROBATE NO. ESPR015070

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN R. ROBERTS, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JOHN R. ROBERTS, Deceased, who died on or about April 28, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on May 6, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of JOHN R. ROBERTS, deceased, bearing date of August 25, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Marchelle Marie Denker was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter if forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated May 20, 2026

Marchelle Marie Denker, **Executor of Estate**
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powerful storytelling of Jack Gladstone, known as "Montana's Troubadour." An enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Indian Nation, Gladstone blends music, poetry and spoken word to share meaningful stories rooted in Western and Indigenous culture. His engaging performances invite audiences to reflect, connect and experience history through song and storytelling.

• Sept. 15-17: Get ready for upbeat Midwest favorites with The iPolka Band, a group of veteran musicians dedicated to keeping the polka tradition alive. Featuring concertina, fiddle, trumpet, vocals and lively rhythms, their energetic performances are sure to get fairgoers dancing and toe-tapping along.

• Sept. 18-20: Bring your song requests and your singing voice for Duely Noted, a high-energy all-female dueling pianos act packed with personality, crowd interaction, and nonstop fun. Featuring everything from classic rock and '80s hits to today's favorites, their request-driven show keeps audiences entertained with singalongs, humor and a party atmosphere from start to finish.

• Sept. 18-20: Experience the rich sounds of traditional American roots music with Uncle Muskrat, a five-piece string band blending folk and Appalachian influences with fresh modern energy. Inspired by artists like Doc Watson and John Hartford, the band combines skilled instrumentation, heartfelt storytelling and tight five-part harmonies for a performance rooted in musical tradition.

Each act will perform multiple times daily during their scheduled dates, giving fairgoers plenty of opportunities to treat their "Fair Brain" symptoms with free live entertainment throughout the fair. Official showtimes will be available in the Clay County Fair daily guides, which will be released later in August. For more information, visit www.claycountyfair.com.

Tiger Pride Lawn Care expands into equipment sales, service

Tiger Pride Lawn Care announced it is expanding its services with the launch of a new venture, Tiger Pride Turf Equipment. This new business will be focused on power equipment sales, service and parts for customers throughout Spencer, Emmetsburg, Okoboji and the surrounding Lakes Area.

The firm said in a press release it will be a resource for purchasing, maintaining or repairing a

wide range of power equipment, including lawn mowers, snow blowers, chain saws, trimmers, edgers, power washers and more.

"As we looked at the needs in the community, we saw an opportunity to create a dependable local option for our residents who need quality service, parts and support for their lawn care essentials," owner Dave Cooke said. "We're excited to expand Tiger Pride in

this new way, bringing more helpful services to the local area. It felt like a good complement to our current business."

The announcement meant additional staff, as Tiger Pride added mechanic Richard Henry to its team. The release stated he brings years of expertise in small-engine repair and is a familiar face in Spencer, having worked many years for another local shop.

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CLAY COUNTY AUDITOR — AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of CLAY COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The Board of Supervisors of CLAY COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 6/9/2026 09:15 AM		Contact: Ann Baschke		Phone: (712) 262-1569
Meeting Location: Clay County Administration Building, 300 W 4th St. Spencer, IA 51301				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	9,003,943	0	9,003,943
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	291,026	0	291,026
Net Current Property Tax	4	8,712,917	0	8,712,917
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	0
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	20,400	0	20,400
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,458,819	0	2,458,819
Intergovernmental	8	6,654,300	1,393,787	8,048,087
Licenses & Permits	9	15,580	21,919	37,499
Charges for Service	10	716,330	-27,652	688,678
Use of Money & Property	11	633,052	659,613	1,292,665
Miscellaneous	12	667,130	136,752	803,882
Subtotal Revenue	13	19,878,528	2,184,419	22,062,947
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	3,915,391	7,309	3,922,700
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	11,053	11,053
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	23,793,919	2,202,781	25,996,700
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,483,280	5,095	4,488,375
Physical Health and Social Services	19	786,446	999	787,445
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,448,517	245,864	1,694,381
Roads & Transportation	22	8,277,993	0	8,277,993
Government Services to Residents	23	690,932	9,154	700,086
Administration	24	4,057,832	502,095	4,559,927
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	1,776,722	135,804	1,912,526
Capital Projects	27	4,649,622	110,359	4,759,981
Subtotal Expenditures	28	26,171,344	1,009,370	27,180,714
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,915,391	7,309	3,922,700
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	30,086,735	1,016,679	31,103,414
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-6,292,816	1,186,102	-5,106,714
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	33	16,178,108	0	16,178,108
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	4,683,071	0	4,683,071
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,896,025	0	1,896,025
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	3,306,196	1,186,102	4,492,298
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	40	9,885,292	1,186,102	11,071,394
Explanation of Changes: To include flood related revenues and changes in departmental budgets. To account for revenues and unanticipated revenues for the year.				

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