



Evidently the farmers of Clay county wanted a county fair. Last week C.P. Buckey, W.A. Posey, R.G Webb and E.S. Perry made a trip over the north part of the county and when they returned home, but \$300 remained to be raised for the county fair, and this sum has been subscribed...

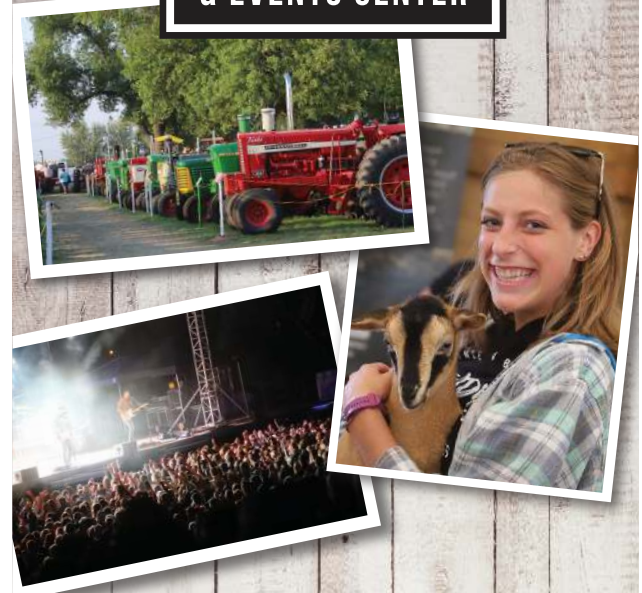
The more farmers interested the better success the fair will have, and quite a few farmers are desirous of being counted in on the fair.

The fair association will be incorporated for \$18,000 and the land will be in addition to that...

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**CLAY COUNTY FAIR  
ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP**



# ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Established in 1917, the **Clay County Fair Association, Inc.** is a non-profit 501(c)5 organization composed of more than 800 active members. Anyone is eligible to become a member upon payment of the \$100 lifetime membership fee. An annual meeting, which includes the election for the Board of Directors, is held each October.

The Association owns the entire 260-acre Fair & Events Center. No part of the property is owned by Clay County or the City of Spencer. Essentially a "city within a city," the Fair & Events Center is a massive physical plant involving approximately 260 acres, 60 permanent structures, and miles of infrastructure (roads and water, sewer, electric, communication and gas lines).

The signature event held annually is the **Clay County Fair**. The first Fair, held in 1918, was the largest county fair held in Iowa that year with 30,000 in attendance. It was after a "madly enthusiastic" crowd of 110,105 people enjoyed the 1928 edition that the Fair became "The World's Greatest County Fair."

Currently, the Fair is the second-largest tourism event and fair in the state of Iowa (ranking behind the Iowa State Fair in both categories). With an annual attendance of more than 300,000, it ranks as one of the top 100 largest fairs in North America. It also boasts the largest farm machinery and agriculture equipment show at any fair in the United States.

Besides serving as home of the Fair, the Fair & Events Center is also home to the **Clay County Regional Events Center** and the **Clay County Fair Speedway**. The Events Center is a year-round, multi-use facility that hosts more than 300 events each year. The Speedway, renovated in 2007 from a 1/2 mile dirt track to a 3/8 mile clay track, has hosted numerous World of Outlaws sprint car events, as well as a regular summer IMCA racing series.



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*In the summer of 1917*, 180 residents of Northwest Iowa answered the call and joined the Clay County Fair Association, pledging \$100 each to establish "The World's Greatest County Fair."

Now, more than 100 years later, the Association owns and maintains the Clay County Fair & Events Center and conducts the Clay County Fair.

For a one-time lifetime membership fee of \$100, you receive an invitation to two special events each year and are eligible to vote for the Association's 27-member board of directors.

***Become part of the "The World's Greatest County Fair" today!***



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**Sign me up to be a member of the Clay County Fair Association!**

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