

**4-H and FFA Program
2024 Arkansas Valley Fair**

- Saturday, June 29, 2024**
9 a.m. Shooting Sports – Muzzleloading and .22
- Sunday, June 30, 2024**
9 a.m. Shooting Sports – Shotgun, Air Rifle, Archery
- Thursday, August 1, 2024**
8 a.m. District VI Cat and Dog Show - Dog Obedience Showmanship and Rally
- Saturday, August 3, 2024**
TBA District VI Dog Show Rally
- Wednesday, August 7, 2024**
7 p.m. Fashion Revue & Talent Show – Grand Theater
- Thursday, August 8, 2024**
6 p.m. Barn/Exhibit Hall/Kitchen Clean-up/Set-up
- Saturday, August 10, 2024**
9 a.m. Family Consumer Science & General Project Interview Judging – Enter Projects 30 minutes before interview time – 4-H Event Center Bldg.
- 11 a.m. Cloverbud Fair – 4-H Event Center Building
- Monday, August 12, 2024**
8 a.m. Horse Showmanship, Halter Classes, Riding
8 a.m. Farm Mechanics Check in before 5 p.m.
8 a.m. Barn open to bring **equipment only.**
5 to 7 p.m. **Swine only may arrive**
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024**
All Market Animals Must Be On The Grounds Before Weigh-Ins Begin
8 a.m. Barn Opens – *Exhibitor meeting just before weigh-in starts for each species*
9 a.m. Swine Weigh-In
11 a.m. Goat and Sheep Weigh-in -
2 p.m. Rabbit / Poultry Weigh-in
3 p.m. Beef Weigh-in
6:30 p.m. Swine Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots
- Wednesday, August 14, 2024**
8:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goats
3 p.m. Goat Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots
6:30 p.m. Sheep Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots
- Thursday, August 15, 2024**
9 a.m. Dairy Cattle Showmanship, Dairy Cattle
9:30 a.m. Beef Cattle Breeding, Bucket Calf, Market, Showmanship, Tiny Tots
2:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship, Tiny Tots
Poultry judging will be in poultry area
3:00 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots
6:30 p.m. Round Robin, participants report by 6:15 p.m.
- Friday, August 16, 2024**
8 a.m. Barn Opens
10 a.m. Sale Order Posted
10 a.m. Parade of Champions in Fair Parade
5 to 6 p.m. Buyers Dinner
6 p.m. Fat Stock Sale / Foods Sale
- Saturday, August 17, 2024**
7 a.m. Barn Opens
8 to 11 a.m. Release all animals - You MUST clean your pen area and tear down your pen!

Come Join Our Celebration

In 1878 Senator George Swink shared his bountiful crop of watermelon with passengers at the Rocky Ford Depot. The tradition continues every year when Fair visitors are given a free watermelon.

2024 Fair Theme:

“The Tradition Lives On”

PRE-FAIR EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. AVF YOUTH RODEO – Grandstand Arena

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR CRAFTS, FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY – Exposition Building.

10:00 a.m. AVF YOUTH RODEO – Grandstand Arena

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CAR SHOW – Railroad Park, Downtown Rocky Ford

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

5:00 to 8:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR OPEN CLASS

NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse – Contact Pebble Pearl 719-980-9983

5:00 to 8:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR CRAFTS, FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY – Exposition Building. NO entries will be accepted after this time.

7:00 p.m. AVF OPEN JACKPOT BARREL RACE – Grandstand Arena – Contact Dayla Elliott 719-980-3365, Exhibiting 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. ENTRIES FOR OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse – Contact Pebble Pearl 719-980-9983

NO entries will be accepted after this time.

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR OPEN CLASS FOODS – Exposition Building

NO entries will be accepted after this time. Judging will take place at 2:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR CROPS & VEGETABLES – Exposition Building

NO entries will be accepted after this time. Judging will take place at 2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. RANCH SORTING - Grandstand Arena – contact Josh Barratt 719-688-9105

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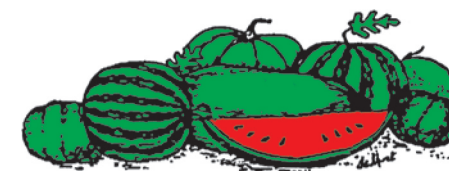


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**Wednesday, August 14 to
Saturday, August 17, 2024**
Peak of the Season Local Produce



SILVER DAY

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

A.M.P. CARNIVAL

Carnival Rides Open At 6:00 p.m.
On The Midway. Wristbands \$35.

- 6:45 a.m. WAKE-UP BREAKFAST – Gobin Building, Downtown Rocky Ford, 105 N. Main St. - *Sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Fair, Rocky Ford Chamber & Rocky Ford Rotary Club*
- 7:00 a.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN FOR EXHIBITORS SETUP
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN – Crafts / Fine Arts/Open Class Foods And Crops On Display
- 11:00 a.m. SILVER KING AND QUEEN LUNCHEON & PROGRAM – Gobin Building, 105 N. Main St., Rocky Ford - *Sponsored by Pioneer Health Care Center of Rocky Ford*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN OPEN Under the Grandstand
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN – Pavilion HAPPY HOUR, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. JALAPEÑO & WATERMELON EATING CONTESTS, 6 to 7 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse
- 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building
- 7:00 p.m. Cornhole Tournament – Beer Garden Under the Grandstand
- 7:00 p.m. FAMILY NIGHT – Grandstand *Entertainment TBA*
Sponsored by RF Ministerial Alliance
- 7:00 p.m. to Midnight BEER GARDEN – Pavillion *DJ RIVAS MUSIC Sponsored by Goodwood Festival*
- 8:30 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT In The Beer Garden – Under the Grandstand, *Country Music by TOMMY V*

For Information about the
Arkansas Valley Fair:

Fair Office 719-254-7723
Horse Races 303-229-8040
Sally Cope, manager www.arkvalleyfair.com
Exhibits: 719-254-7723
4-H / FFA 719-254-7608

KIDS DAY

Thursday, August 15, 2024

A.M.P. CARNIVAL

Ride all you want from 12 noon to 6 p.m.
\$25 wristband. Regular Admission \$35 each
day carnival wristband (12 Noon to Midnight)

- 8:30 a.m. SIGN UP For TRICYCLE RACES – Pavilion east end of Midway
- 9:00 a.m. TRICYCLE RACES – Pavilion east end of Midway. Must be a tricycle!
- 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse
- 9:30 a.m. SIGN UP For BIKE RACES – Infield
- 10:00 a.m. BIKE RACES – Infield
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR FLOWER SHOW – Roundhouse
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN – Booths, Crafts / Fine Arts, Open Class Foods and Crops On Display
- 11:00 a.m. TURTLE RACES – Pavilion east end of Midway, ONE entry per child
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN PAVILION – 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. *DJ RIVAS MUSIC 7:30 p.m. - Midnight CASCABEL BAND Sponsored by Goodwood Festival*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN OPEN Under the Grandstand
- 12:00 p.m. STICK HORSE RODEO - Ages 1-6 – Pavilion east end of Midway
- 1:00 p.m. SANDBOX TREASURE HUNT - Ages 4-7 – East End of Midway *Sponsored by The State Bank, RF*
- 2:00 p.m. HULA HOOP CONTEST – In Front Of Exposition Building - *Sponsored by Black Hills Energy*
- 2:00 p.m. JUNIOR CAR SHOW – All Kids Ages 1-13 – Pavilion East End Of Midway
- 2:30 p.m. FLOWER SHOW OPEN JUDGING – Roundhouse
- 3:00 p.m. BABY LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST – Pavilion – *Sponsored by KBLJ/KTHN*
- 3:30 p.m. BABY CRAWLING CONTEST – Pavilion – *Sponsored by KBLJ/KTHN*
- 4:00 p.m. KIDS' TALENT SHOW – Pavilion
- 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ONLY – REGISTRATION FOR HORSE RACE MEET – *Race Office or call 303-229-8040*
- 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building
- 7:00 p.m. **FIGURE 8 JUMP RACES** – Grandstand Arena - 6 p.m. CALCUTTA,
- 7:00 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT in the Beer Garden under the Grandstand – *Country Music by TOMMY V*

PARADE DAY

Friday, August 16, 2024

A.M.P. CARNIVAL

Ride All You Want 11:00 a.m. to Midnight
\$35 Wristband

- 10:00 a.m. ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR GRAND PARADE – Downtown Rocky Ford Main Street *Sponsored by Rocky Ford Lions Club*
- 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN – Booths, Crafts / Fine Arts, Open Class Foods and Crops On Display
- 11:00 a.m. AVF QUEEN'S & MAYOR'S LUNCHEON – *by invitation only*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN – Pavilion - 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., *DJ RIVAS MUSIC 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., HAPPY HOUR Sponsored by Goodwood Festival*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN Open Under the Grandstand
- 12:30 p.m. Calcutta - Ranch Rodeo & Open Bronc Riding
- 1:00 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, RANCH RODEO, OPEN BRONC RIDING & HORSE RACES - CALCUTTA -** Grandstand Arena and Track
- 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. FLOWER SHOW, OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITS – Roundhouse
- 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building
- 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ONLY - REGISTRATION FOR HORSE RACE MEET – *Race Office or call 303-229-8040*
- 5:30 p.m. 15th ANNUAL HORSEBITE MUTTON BUSTIN' – Grandstand Arena Limited to 25 contestants
- 7:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA)** – Grandstand Arena
- 7:00 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT in the Beer Garden under the Grandstand *Country Music by TOMMY V*
- 7:00 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT – Beer Garden Pavilion, *featuring LOS AMANTES DEL NORTE Sponsored by Goodwood Festival*

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WATERMELON DAY

Saturday, August 17, 2024

A.M.P. CARNIVAL

Ride All You Want 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
\$30 Wristband. Regular Admission \$35.00
Carnival Wristband 1:00 p.m. to midnight

- 6:30 a.m. 5K & 10K RUN Registration – RFJSHS Melon Field Track
- 7:00 a.m. 5K, 10K, HALF MARATHON – RFJSHS *Sponsored by Graphic Design*
- 8:00 a.m. 2 MILE KIDS' RACE – RFJSHS
- 8:00 a.m. RODEO SLACK – Arena
- 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. FLOWER SHOW and NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse
- 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION – MELON VALLEY BAGGERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – Pavilion
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN – Booths, Crafts / Fine Arts, Open Class Foods, Crops
- 10:00 a.m. CARVED WATERMELON CONTEST – in front of Roundhouse *Sponsored by Hollar and Company*
- 10:30 a.m. WATERMELON SEED SPITTING CONTEST – Near 4-H Event Center *Sponsored by Rocky Ford Rotary Club*
- 11:00 a.m. OPEN WATERMELON PILE – In Front of 4-H Event Center - *Sponsored by Rocky Ford Rotary Club*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN – Pavilion 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., *MELON VALLEY BAGGERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., DJ RIVAS MUSIC 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., HAPPY HOUR 7 p.m. to midnight, ENTERTAINMENT - featuring LOS AMANTES DEL NORTE Sponsored by Goodwood Festival.*
- Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN Open Under the Grandstand
- 12:30 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, 2025 AVF QUEEN CORONATION**
- 1:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA), HORSE RACES & CALCUTTA** – Grandstand Arena
- 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building
- 7:00 p.m. to Midnight Entertainment in the BEER GARDEN under the Grandstand - *Country Music by TOMMY V*
- 7:30 p.m. **DEMOLITION DERBY**, Arena Calcutta at 6:30 p.m

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 18, 2024

No Carnival Rides

- 8:00 a.m. to noon Exposition Building Closed – Vendor Teardown
- 12:30 p.m. **LEGO BUILDING TRUST CONTEST** – Bingo Building *Sponsored by Tri-County Family Care Cetner*
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. PICK UP ENTRIES – Fine Arts, Crafts, Photography, Foods, Crops from Expo Building – Needlework, Flower Entries from Roundhouse

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TICKETED EVENTS

Ticket Box Office Opens Each Day at Noon
(located at the west end of the Grandstand)
Wed., August 14 – Sat., August 17, 2024

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

Free Music In The Grandstand – TBA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

7:00 p.m. **FIGURE 8 JUMP RACE**

(6:30 p.m. Calcutta)

ALL Seats – \$15 ALL Pit Passes – \$20

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

1:00 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, RANCH RODEO, OPEN BRONC RIDING, HORSE RACES**

ALL Seats – \$7 (12:30 p.m. Calcutta)

7:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA)**

All Seats – \$7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

12:30 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, 2025 AVF QUEEN CORONATION**

1:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA), HORSE RACE MEET** All Seats – \$7

7:30 p.m. DEMOLITION DERBY

(6:30 p.m. Calcutta)

All Seats are general admission – \$15

NO reserved seating All Pit Passes – \$20