

SILVER DAY

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
CRABTREE, INC.

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. - *Sponsors: AV Fair, RF Chamber and RF Rotary*

7:00 a.m. EXPO BUILDING OPEN FOR EXHIBITORS SETUP

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ENTRIES FOR CROPS & VEGETABLES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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. JUDGING OF OPEN CLASS CROPS AND VEGETABLES

11:00 a.m. SILVER KING AND QUEEN LUNCHEON/PROGRAM – Gobin Building, 105 N. Main St., Rocky Ford - *Sponsor: PHCC*

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 p.m. - 7 p.m. *DJ RIVAS MUSIC*, 7 p.m. - Midnight *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse *Sponsor: RF Garden Club-*

6:00 to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building

7:00 p.m. FAMILY NIGHT – Grandstand *SHAUN GARRISON, CHRISTIAN SINGER/SONGWRITER* *Sponsor: RF Ministerial Alliance*

8:30 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT In The Beer Garden – Under the Grandstand, *COUNTRY MUSIC BY TOMMY V*

For Information about the Ark Valley Fair:

Fair Office 719-254-7723
Horse Race Office 719-316-1004
Sally Cope, manager www.arkvalleyfair.com
Exhibits: 719-254-7723
4-H / FFA 719-254-7608

KIDS DAY

Thursday, August 17, 2023
CRABTREE, INC.

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. For TRICYCLE RACES SIGN UP – Slab West of Grandstand

9:00 a.m. TRICYCLE RACES – Slab West of Grandstand

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. OPEN CLASS NEEDLEWORK – Roundhouse

9:30 a.m. BIKE RACES SIGN UP – 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

11:30 a.m. TURTLE RACES – Slab West of Grandstand

Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN PAVILION – HAPPY HOUR, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. *DJ RIVAS MUSIC*, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. *CASCABEL BAND*, 7:30 p.m. - Midnight *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN Open Under the Grandstand

12:30 p.m. STICK HORSE RODEO - Ages 1-6 – Slab West of Grandstand

1:00 p.m. SANDBOX TREASURE HUNT - Ages 4-7 – East End of Midway *Sponsor: The State Bank, RF*

2:00 p.m. HULA HOOP CONTEST – In Front Of Exposition Building - *Sponsor: 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

6:00 to 10:00 p.m. BINGO – Bingo Building

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION FOR HORSE RACE MEET – Race Office *or call 719-316-1004 6-8:00 p.m. ONLY*

7:00 p.m. **FIGURE 8 JUMP START RACES** – Grandstand Arena - CALCUTTA, 6 p.m.

7:00 p.m. to Midnight ENTERTAINMENT in the Beer Garden under the Grandstand *COUNTRY MUSIC BY TOMMY V*

PARADE DAY

Friday, August 18, 2023
CRABTREE, INC.

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

10:00 a.m. AV FAIR GRAND PARADE – Downtown Main Street
Sponsor: 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 - *DJ RIVAS MUSIC*, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. *HAPPY HOUR*, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN Open Under the Grandstand

1:00 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, MINI BRONC RANCH 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

5:30 p.m. 14th ANNUAL HORSEBITE MUTTON BUSTIN' – Limited to 25 contestants - Grandstand Arena

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION FOR HORSE RACE MEET – Race Office *or call 719-316-1004 6-8:00 p.m. ONLY*

7:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA)** – Grandstand Arena followed by **CONCERT KENNY FEIDLER AND THE COWBOY KILLERS**

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 *THE BLUNTFUL BAND* *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

**The Oldest Continuous Fair
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WATERMELON DAY

Saturday, August 19, 2023
CRABTREE, INC.

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. RACE Registration – RFJSHS Melon Field Track

7:00 a.m. 2 MILE, 5K, 10K, HALF MARATHON – Start at RFJSHS Melon Field
Sponsor: Graphic Design

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. to 10:00 p.m. EXPOSITION BUILDING OPEN – Booths, Crafts / Fine Arts, Open Class Foods and Crops On Display

10:00 a.m. CARVED WATERMELON CONTEST – in front of Roundhouse
Sponsor: Hollar and Company

10:30 a.m. WATERMELON SEED SPITTING CONTEST – near 4-H Event Center
Sponsor: Rocky Ford Rotary Club

11:00 a.m. OPEN WATERMELON PILE – In front of 4-H Event Center - *Sponsor: Rocky Ford Rotary Club*

Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN – Pavilion *ARK VALLEY BAGGERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT* - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. *DJ RIVAS MUSIC*, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. *HAPPY HOUR*, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

Noon to Midnight BEER GARDEN Open Under the Grandstand

12:30 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, 2024 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 – Beer Garden Pavilion, featuring *LOS AMANTES DEL NORTE* *Sponsor: Danny Boy Foundation*

7:30 p.m. **DEMOLITION DERBY**, Arena Calcutta at 6:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. to Midnight BEER GARDEN under the Grandstand *COUNTRY MUSIC BY TOMMY V*

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 20, 2023
No Carnival Rides

8:00 a.m. to noon Exposition Building Closed – Vendor Teardown

12:30 p.m. **LEGO CONTEST** – Bingo Building
Sponsor: Tri-County Family Care Center

1:00 to PICK UP ENTRIES – Fine Arts, Crafts

3:00 p.m. Photography, Foods, Crops from Expo Building – Needlework, Flower Entries from Roundhouse

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Ticketed Events

**Ticket Box Office Opens Daily at Noon
Wed., August 16 – Sat., August 19, 2023**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

7:00 p.m. **FIGURE 8 JUMP RACE**
Adults – \$10 Children Under 12 – \$5
All Pit Passes – \$15

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

1:00 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, MINI BRONC RANCH BRONC RIDING, HORSE RACES**
Adults – \$5 Children Under 12 – \$3

7:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA) & CONCERT**
All Seats – \$15

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

12:30 p.m. **GRAND ENTRY, 2024 AVF QUEEN CORONATION**

1:00 p.m. **AVF RODEO (CPRA), HORSE RACES**
Adults – \$5 Children under 12 – \$3

7:30 p.m. **DEMOLITION DERBY**
All Seats – \$10 All Pit Passes – \$15

**4-H and FFA Program
2023 Arkansas Valley Fair**

Friday, July 7, 2023

5 p.m.. Shooting Sports – Muzzleloading and .22

Saturday, July 8, 2023

8 a.m. Shooting Sports – Shotgun, Air Rifle, Archery

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8 a.m. District VI Cat and Dog Show - Dog Obedience
Showmanship and Rally

Sunday, August 6, 2023

TBA District VI Dog Show Rally

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7 p.m. Fashion Revue & Talent Show – Grand Theater

Thursday, August 10, 2023

6 p.m. Barn/Exhibit Hall/Kitchen Clean-up/Set-up

Saturday, August 12, 2023

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 14, 2023

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 15, 2023

**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 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goats

3 p.m. Goat Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots

6 p.m. Sheep Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Tiny Tots

Thursday, August 17, 2023

9 a.m. Dairy Cattle Showmanship, Dairy Cattle

9:30 a.m. Beef Show: Breeding, Bucket Calf, Market,
Showmanship, Tiny Tots

2:00 p.m. Poultry Show: Showmanship, Tiny Tots

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 18, 2023

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 19, 2023

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.**

2023 Fair Theme:

*Proud of the Past,
Poised for the Future*

PRE-FAIR EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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 14, 2023

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

Arena – Dayla Elliott 719-980-3365

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

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.

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR OPEN

CLASS FOODS – Exposition Building

NO entries will be accepted after this time.

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ENTRIES FOR CROPS &

VEGETABLES – Exposition Building

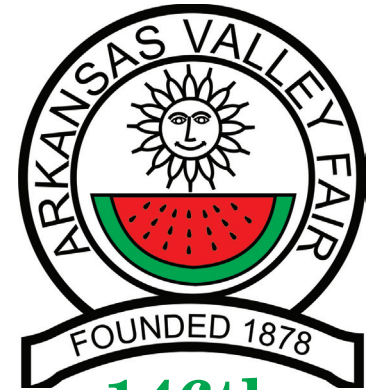
6:00 p.m. RANCH SORTING – Grandstand Arena

Contact Josh Barratt 719-688-9105

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