

Gold Star Entertainment – Ride Specials and Times

Carnival closes at 10:00 pm, on Sunday at 7:00 pm

Wednesday – Opens at 1:00 pm

Arm bands \$30 per person (unlimited rides until 9:00 pm)

Thursday – Opens at Noon – Senior and Kids and Daycare Day

Arm bands \$25 before 4:00 pm (unlimited rides until 9:00 pm)

Arm bands \$30 after 4:00 pm (unlimited rides until 9:00 pm)

Friday – Opens at 1:00 pm

Arm bands \$30 per person (unlimited rides until 9:00 pm)

Saturday – Opens at noon

Arm bands \$30 per person (unlimited rides until 9:00 pm)

Sunday – Opens at 1:00 pm

Arm bands \$30 per person (unlimited until 7:00 pm)

Don't forget to visit Kiddy Land at the East side of the fair with rides for the little ones.



Welcome to the 2026 Rice County Fair!

July 22–26



“Fun, Food, and Friends in the mix for ‘26”

Barns

Open at 8:00 am daily

Indoor Commercial Buildings

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sun: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Food Concessions and Outdoor Exhibitors

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sun: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Making memories with the families of Rice County and surrounding areas since 1859.

- Peter van Sluis, Fair Manager
- Erik McKay, Fair Board President
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Member of:

International Association of Fairs & Expos
Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

Thank you very much for visiting the 2026 Rice County Fair!

We have an exciting time planned for you. Enjoy our returning entertainment, concessionaires and vendors, and experience lots of new ones. Some changes to Grandstand events as well.

Find out for yourselves that it is worth visiting multiple days. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer and be a part of next year's fair!!

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, concessionaires, vendors and performers. We couldn't do this without you.

- From your Rice County Fair Board

Rice County Fair Ambassadors

Look out for our Senior and Junior Rice County Fair Ambassadors and come say Hi to them. They will be around, visiting all events, handing out trophies to the winners, and doing the cash prize drawings.

Don't miss the crowning of the 2026–2027 Ambassadors at the Sellner Stage, Sunday at 12:30 pm.

Rice County Historical Society

History Lives at the Museum (East side of the Fairgrounds)

Museum and all out building hours (**Free** Admission):

Wed – Sat: Noon – 8:00 pm; Sunday: Noon – 4:00 pm

On display will be building toys and seldom seen collection items.

Various Demonstrations include spinning, sewing, embroidery, etc.

By the Cabin – Kids' Hands-on Activities 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt – Daily Noon – 8:00 pm

By the Barn: Woodworking Demonstrations 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

We invite you to stop by our Museum, Log Cabin & Barn, One-Room School, Country Church, Harvest & Heritage Halls.

Horse Events



Saturday July 25

CANNON VALLEY SADDLE CLUB & RICE COUNTY FAIR GAME SHOW

Contests start at 9:00 am and run through the day.

Egg & Spoon, Pole Weaving, Keyhole, Barrels, Jumping Figure 8, Speed Dash, Pennant Race, and more.

Sunday July 26

Cannon Valley Saddle Club Barrel Race & Pole Bending

9:00 am – 10:00 am	EXHIBITIONS - Barrels
10:00 am – 10:30 am	EXHIBITIONS - Poles
10:30 am – 10:45 am	OPEN ARENA
10:45 am	DRAG ARENA
11:00 am	RACE STARTS



4-H Judging, Show and Events Schedule

Tuesday, July 21

3:00 pm 4-H Poultry & Pigeon Show, Judging Arena

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am 4-H Lamb Lead & Sheep Show, Judging Arena

1:00 pm 4-H Meat Goat Show, Judging Arena

6:00 pm 4-H Swine Weigh-In, Swine Barn

6:00 pm 4-H Cow/Calf & Beef Show, Pens/Judging Arena

Thursday, July 23

9:00 am 4-H Dairy Show, Judging Arena

9:00 am 4-H Horse Show, Horse Arena

4:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Show, Judging Arena

Friday, July 24

8:00 am 4-H Swine & Paradise In Porkland Show, Swine Barn

11:00 am 4-H Dairy Goat Show, Judging Arena

Saturday, July 25

8:30 am 4-H Animal Ribbon Auction Buyers Breakfast, 4-H Bldg

9:15 am 4-H Animal Ribbon Auction, Judging Arena

2:00 pm 4-H Ag Olympics, location to be announced during fair

7:00 pm 4-H Premier Showmanship, Judging Arena

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am 4-H Grilling Contest, Bingo Tent

3:30 pm 4-H Member County Photo, Sellner Stage

4:00 pm 4-H Parade of Champions, Sellner Stage

5:00 pm Release of 4-H General Projects Exhibits

6:00 pm Release of 4-H Livestock Exhibits

7:00 pm 4-H Buildings Close

Wednesday, July 22nd

7:30 am "Best of the Best" Breakfast (until 8:45 am) – Stockyard

9:00 am "Best of the Best" Awards Program – Stockyard

11:00 am Scavenger Hunt (until 3:00 pm) – Master Garden

Ask a Master Gardener (until 7:00 pm) – M. Garden

Noon Jack Sparrow the Pirate (until 6:00 pm) – M. Garden

Face Painting - **free** (until 5:00 pm) – Comm. Building

1:00 pm Opening Ceremony – Flag Poles, Main Entrance
with the Li'l Fun Band of Rice County

Bingo (until 9:00 pm) – Bingo Pavilion

Carnival Rides (until 10:00 pm) – Midway & Kiddy Land

2:00 pm Melissa Schulz (until 5:00 pm) – Sellner Stage

2:30 pm Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage

KYMN's Straw Dive – Next to Cannon Stage

3:00 pm Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage

Mini Golf – **free** (until 7:00 pm) – Archery Building

3:30 pm KYMN's Straw Dive – Next to Cannon Stage

4:30 pm Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage

KYMN's Straw Dive – Next to Cannon Stage

5:00 pm Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage

Little Fun Band of Rice County – Fair Entrance

5:30 pm Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage

6:00 pm IMCA Oldtimers Races – Grandstand

6:30 pm Jolly P's (until 9:00 pm) – Sellner Stage

Kids Pedal Tractor Pull – 4-H Plaza

9:30 pm Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage

Rice County Fair Office

Located on the East side of the Grandstand

Hours: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Phone: (507) 332-2470

Thursday, July 23rd – Senior Day – Kids & Daycare Day

10:00 am	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage Steve Huber (until noon) – Sellner Stage Scavenger Hunt (until 8:00 pm) – 4-H Building
11:00 am	Mini Golf – free (until 3:00 pm) – Archery Building Scavenger Hunt (until 3:00 pm) – Master Garden Ask a Master Gardener (until 7:00 pm) – M. Garden
11:30 am	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
Noon	Senior Volunteer Program – Straight River Room Carnival (until 10:00 pm) – Midway and Kiddy Land Jack Sparrow the Pirate (until 6:00 pm) – M. Garden Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage Face Painting – free (until 5:00 pm) – Comm. Building
1:00 pm	Senior Spotlight Meal – Straight River Room Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage Eclipse (until 3:00 pm) – Sellner Stage Bingo (until 9:00 pm) – Bingo Pavilion
1:30 pm	Euchre Tournament – Stockyard
2:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage Children's Dance Party – next to Sellner Stage Safari Wildlife Show (free) – Grandstand Hillbilly Bob starts roaming the grounds
2:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
3:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
4:00 pm	Alligator Wrestling (free) – Grandstand
4:30 pm	Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
5:00 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawing – Cannon Stage
5:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
6:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage Safari Wildlife Show (free) – Grandstand
7:00 pm	White Sidewalls (until 10:00 pm) – Sellner Stage Old Country Boys (until 11:00 pm) – Stockyard
8:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage Alligator Wrestling (free) – Grandstand
9:00 pm	Soulfire and Flow (Fire Dancing) – 4-H Plaza
9:30 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage

Concessionaires 2026

B-Lo Zero Minnie Donuts Belly Bites Bethlehem Academy Food Stand Bubba Lou's BBQ Caribbean Kitchen & Grill Chencho's Antojitos Cheverri Delicious Pupusas Come & Get It Corn "E" Stand Delicious Potato Skins and More FR Greek Cuisine Godfather's Pizza Grandma's Cookies Heise Concessions Pronto Pups Herons' Concessions Kids Biz Concessions Kona Ice	Lil Fox Wagon Lopez Concessions Mighty Fine Coffee Minnesnowii Shave Ice Pretzel Wiz Rice Cty 4H Malt Stand & Food Booth Rice County Pork Producers Savory Eats Schroder Concessions St. Luke's Temple Concessions Texas Best BBQ The Ice Cream Booth The Oasis Tinn's Grille Philly Steak Subs Travelin' Tom's Coffee Yang Yumm
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Indoor Vendors 2026

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union Bass Pro Shops Data Center Information Four Arches Furball Farm Pet Sanctuary Gideons International Haferman Water Cond. Inc. - Kinetico Hy-Vee Keller Williams Preferred Realty LeafFilter Gutter Protection Marianns Hook & Thread National Taekwondo Inst Pregnancy Options Lifecare Center	Prudential Advisors Rice County Rice County Environmental Services Rice County MCCL Rice County Public Health Rice County Republicans Rice-Scott 58 DFL Steelhead/Vestas Suburban Sportsman's Club The Emeralds Trinity Lutheran Church Window Concepts of Minnesota
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Outdoor Vendors 2026

African Nubian Boutique Countryside Pony Rides Don-Rite INC. Faith Handicraft Humasa Henna KYMN – straw dive Midwest Machinery Co Mother Earth Crafts	Pegasus Surfaces ProBuilt Construction LLC RC Steam & Gas Engines Sumak Crafts KDHL Sheriff Dept T-Mobile United States Marine Corps
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Friday, July 24th

Our Platinum Sponsors	Our Gold Sponsors
Francis Animal & Pest Control IBEW Local #110 La Roches Sewer Drain & Septic Services, LLC Latino Broadcasting Group Raptor Plumbing and Heating Rice County Highway Dept. Rice County Sheriff Dept. Windy Willow Farm Adventure	107.5 Total Country BOB FM City of Faribault David Gross & Lynne Goldberg Dennison Lions Club Flom Disposal Fox Video Productions Gillund Enterprises Hernke's Rock & Lime Hy-Vee IMCA Oldtimers ProBuilt Construction LLC Rice County Fire Departments Service Master by Ayotte Steelhead/Vestas The State Bank of Faribault Townsquare Media (KDHL/Power96)

Sheriff's Mobile Office is located at the main parking lot entrance as you enter the fairgrounds.

AEDs are in the Fair Office, Commercial Building, Stockyard and the Historical Society.

The Archery Building, 4-H Building, and Judging Arena are designated storm shelters and are marked with storm shelter signs.

Lactation Room available in the Commercial Building (Straight River Room entrance).

11:00 am	Scavenger Hunt (until 3:00 pm) – Master Garden
Noon	Ask a Master Gardener (until 7:00 pm) – M. Garden
	Jack Sparrow the Pirate (until 6:00 pm) – M. Garden
	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Face Painting – free (until 5:00 pm) – Comm. Building
1:00 pm	Marv Nissel Band Polka (until 5:00 pm) – Sellner Stage
	Bingo (until 9:00 pm) – Bingo Pavilion
	Carnival (until 10:00 pm) – Midway and Kiddy Land
1:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
	Texas Hold'em – Stockyard
2:00 pm	Hillbilly Bob starts roaming the grounds
2:30 pm	Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage
	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
3:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Mini Golf – free (until 7:00 pm) – Archery Building
	Using Herbs in Cooking – Master Garden
3:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
4:00 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
4:30 pm	Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage
	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
5:00 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage
5:30 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
6:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
7:00 pm	ATV Big Air Tour - daredevil stunts – Grandstand
	Sherwin Linton (until 10:00 pm) – Sellner Stage
8:00 pm	Midnight Limited (until midnight) – Stockyard
	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
9:30 pm	Daily Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage



Saturday, July 25th

9:00 am	Antique Tractor Pull (free) – Grandstand
11:00 am	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Scavenger Hunt (until 3:00 pm) – Master Garden
	Ask a Master Gardener (until 7:00 pm) – M. Garden
11:30 am	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
Noon	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Carnival (until 10:00 pm) – Midway and Kiddy Land
	Studio of Stars – Stockyard
	Face Painting – free (until 5:00 pm) – Comm. Building
1:00 pm	Tuey the Juggler– Cannon Stage
	Steve & Steve (until 5:00 pm) – Sellner Stage
	North Star Corn Hole – Parking lot by Sellner Stage
	Bingo (until 9:00 pm) – Bingo Pavilion
2:00 pm	Just for Kix – Stockyard
	Hillbilly Bob starts roaming the grounds
2:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
3:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Mini Golf – free (until 7:00 pm) – Archery Building
3:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
4:30 pm	Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage
	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
5:00 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage
5:30 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
6:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
7:00 pm	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	La Raza de Mexico (until 11:00 pm) – Stockyard
	Indigo Moon (until 10:00 pm) – Sellner Stage
	UPM Truck & Tractor Pull – Grandstand
9:30 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawing – Cannon Stage



Grandstand Events

Tickets go on sale 1 1/2 hours before event

Gates open 1 hour before start

Wednesday – 6:00 pm

IMCA Old Timers with 5 classes

- IMCA Sport/Wissota MOD/USRA
- Micro Sprint
- Legends Class
- Vintage Open Wheels
- Vintage Full Body

Adults \$15 Children 6–11 \$5 Children 5 & under **free**

Thursday

2:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Jungle Safari Shows – **Free to attend**

4:00 pm & 8:00 pm – Alligator Wrestling Shows – **Free to attend**

Friday – 7:00 pm

ATV Big Air Tour - ATV & Motorcycle daredevil stunts

Adults \$15 Children 6–11 \$5 Children 5 & under **free**

Saturday – 9:00 am

Antique Tractor Pull – **Free to attend**

Saturday – 7:00 pm

UPM Tractor and Truck Pull

Adults \$20 Children 6–11 \$5 Children 5 & under **free**

Sunday – 2:00 pm

Enduro Races

Adults \$15 Children 6–11 \$5 Children 5 & under **free**

The Stockyard Story

The Beer Garden has been around for a very long time. While there was nothing wrong with it, we decided it was ready for a face-lift to make it more inviting for everyone. The 50/50 cash raffle we did in 2025 earned us enough money for this project.

Here are some of the improvements: added three garage doors to the front of the building and new patio with a shade structure, all new lights and fans inside, fresh paint inside, new bar top countertops, and other improvements.

We then proposed several new names and social media overwhelmingly voted for the new name – “Stockyard”.

Entertainment – no cover charge

Thursday	1:30 pm	Euchre Tournament
	7:00 pm – 11:00pm	Old Country Boys

Friday	1:30 pm	Texas Hold'em
	8:00 pm – midnight	Midnight Limited

Saturday	Noon	Studio of Stars
	2:00 pm	Just for Kix
	7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	La Raza de Mexico

Sunday	noon – 3:00pm	Root Pickers
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Bingo – in the Bingo Pavilion

Wednesday – Saturday	1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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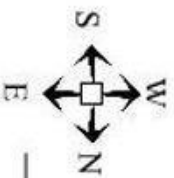
Sunday	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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KYMN's Straw Dive daily at 2:30pm, 3:30pm and 4:30pm
– next to Cannon Stage

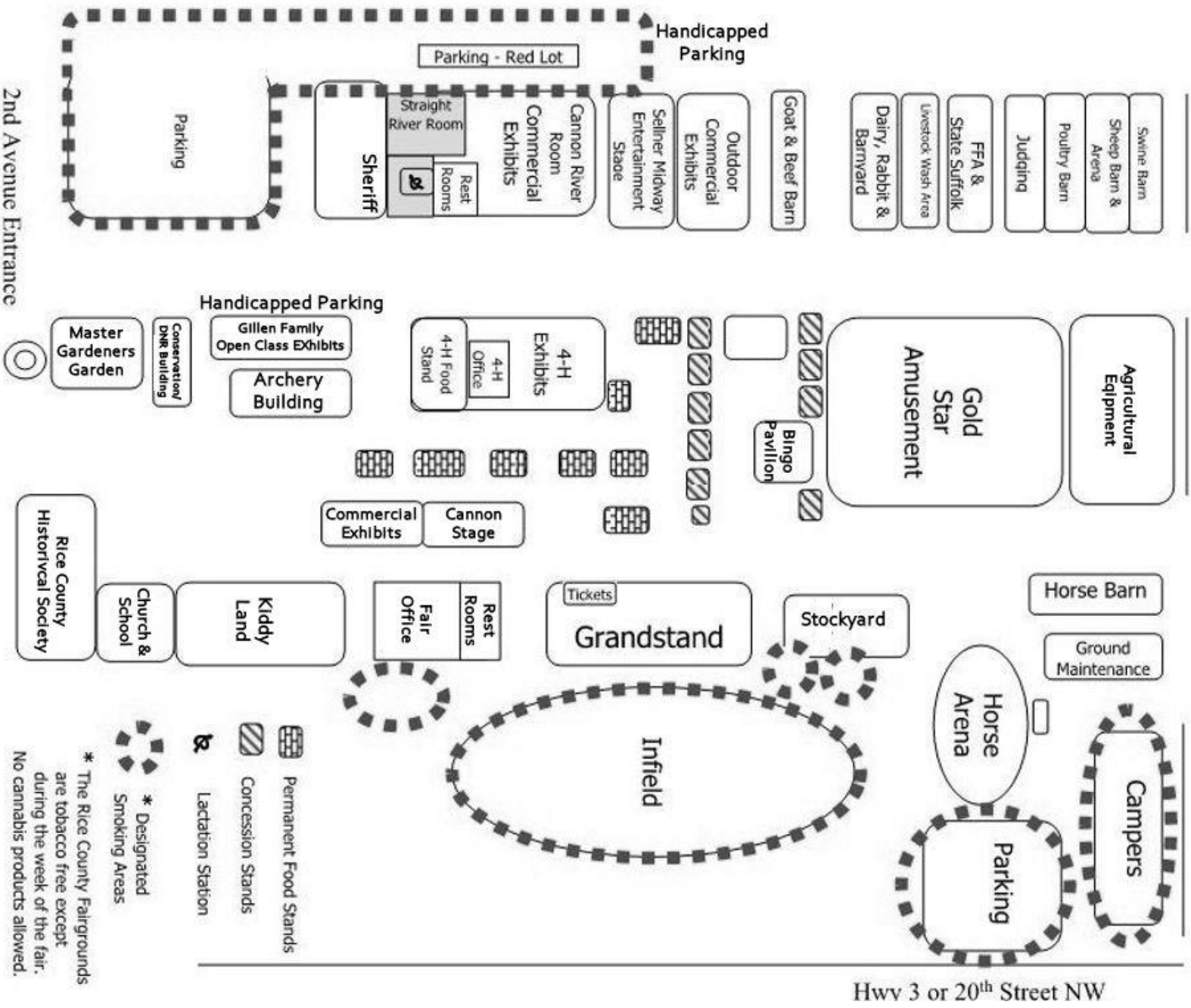
Sunday July 26th

10:00 am	Non-Denominational Church Service – RCHS Church
11:00 am	R/C Demo Derby – Parking lot by Sellner Stage
	Scavenger Hunt (until 3:00 pm) – Master Garden
	Ask a Master Gardener (until 7:00 pm) – M. Garden
11:30 am	Ambassador Reception – Straight River Room
Noon	Jack Sparrow the Pirate (until 6:00 pm) – M. Garden
	Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
	Mini Golf – free (until 4:00 pm) – Archery Building
	Face Painting – free (until 5:00 pm) – Comm. Building
	Root Pickers (until 3:00 pm) – Stockyard
12:30 pm	Ambassador Coronation – Sellner Stage
	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
1:00 pm	Tuey the Juggler– Cannon Stage
	Bingo (until 4:00 pm) – Bingo Pavilion
	Carnival Rides (until 7:00 pm) – Midway & Kiddy Land
1:30 pm	Open Mic/Electric Fusion – Cannon Stage
2:00 pm	Enduro Races – Grandstand
	Hillbilly Bob starts roaming the grounds
2:30 pm	Brodini Family Comedy & Magic – Cannon Stage
	50/50 Cash Raffle Drawing – Sellner Stage
	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
3:00 pm	Tuey the Juggler – Cannon Stage
	Luke Smith (until 5:00 pm) – Sellner Stage
	Cleaning and Sharpening Garden Tools – M. Garden
3:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage
3:45 pm	Daily Cash Prize Drawings – Cannon Stage
4:00 pm	Weekly Cash Grand Prize Drawing – Cannon Stage
	4-H Parade of Champions – Fairground Drive
4:30 pm	KYMN's Straw Dive – next to Cannon Stage

See you next year – July 21st – 25th, 2027



FAIRGROUNDS MAP



* The Rice County Fairgrounds are tobacco free except during the week of the fair. No cannabis products allowed.

- Permanent Food Stands
- Concession Stands
- Lactation Station
- * Designated Smoking Areas