



THE SCOOP

Aug 2025

Save The Date:

August 25 – 4-H Record Books Due

August 26-28 – Record Book Judging

August 27 – 4-H Council Meeting

September 1 – Labor Day, Extension Office Closed

September 15 – Fair Book Policy Change Requests Due

October 3-5 – 4-H Volunteer Institute, Billings

November 2 – 4-H Family Fun/Awards Day, Joliet

4-H Record Books

4-H record books are due into the Extension Office by **5 pm on Monday, August 25**. No late books will be accepted. If you use the ZSuite record book pages, you must print them out and turn them in to the office. Fillable record book pages are available on the state 4-H website:

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html. Each record book should have a My 4-H Year and animal/non-animal sections for each project in which you are enrolled (even if you did not exhibit at the fair). Don't forget prize money – see page 34 of the Fair Book for project points. Each point is worth approximately \$1.50. Premiums are only paid for blue, red and white ribbons earned; not showmanship, best in show, etc. Please note that your book should be signed by your club leader before it is submitted. Cloverbuds are not required to turn in a record book! Green 4-H record book folders are available for \$5 at the Extension Office. If you need assistance with your record book, please contact your club organizational leader or the Extension Office.

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging is scheduled for August 26-28 at the Extension Office. Each club is **required** to provide at least one adult volunteer to judge record books. Gold seal record book criteria are attached to this newsletter.

Fair Book Policy Change Request

There is a fair book policy change request form available on page 35 of the Fair Book for anyone who has suggestions for changes to department rules or policies. Change requests are due to Amber by 5 pm on **September 15**.

There are extra Fair Livestock Photo Books at the Extension Office if you would like one!

Carbon County 4-H

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Thank You Notes

Did you write a thank you note to the buyer of your fair market animal/silent auction item? Addresses are available by emailing the Extension Office at carbon@montana.edu. Have you thanked your club leaders, county commissioners, project superintendents and the Fair Board? The 4-H program and the county fair rely on hours of commitment and volunteer time from many people.

State 4-H Horse Shows



Horse project exhibitors who are enrolled in the appropriate projects are encouraged to compete in the state horse shows: Montana 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show, September 12-14, Vaughn MT and the Montana 4-H State Horse Show, September 25-28, Vaughn MT. More information is available on the state 4-H website under Statewide Project Events:

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/.

New 4-H Year

The 2025-2026 4-H year begins on October 1st. ZSuite will not be open for new/re-enrollment until that date. **New this year:** You will pay member/leader/Cloverbud dues online at the time you enroll. Keep in mind that the deadline to enroll in Carbon County 4-H this year is **December 1**.

Please use the Cloverbud Project Selection Guide that your family received last year to find information about projects available. The guide is also available on ZSuite under Newsletters and online at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/index.html>.

Fair Lost & Found

There are fair lost and found items at the Extension Office – please stop by if you are missing anything. Unclaimed items will be taken to Goodwill the end of this month. There are a few leftover fair t-shirts if any 4-H leaders would like one.

****Congrats to the winners of the statewide carcass contests:**

Steer of Merit: Cadyn Wright

Certified Lamb: Eva Million, Sadie Paulson, Madylin Roascio, Madison Matlick, Cadyn Wright, Paige Peterson

Swine of Excellence: Avery Bauwens, Cade Stringari, Malia Bareiss (2), Stetson & Sawyer Warehime, Colby Stratton, Rain & Laramie Indreland, Grace Stampfel, Adele & Corbin Peterson, Harleigh & Mabel Donnelly, Hunter Spencer, Quade Boggio, Cole Miller, Nevaeh Rupprecht, Kinley Blain

These results are based on carcass measurements taken during the Carbon County Fair. Winners have met the state carcass standards.

****Thank You to Carbon County Commissioners and the Fair Board for supporting our fair and 4-H/FFA youth!**



Congratulations to the Boyd Bandits 4-H Club – winners of the club booth decorating contest at fair. They won an ice cream party sponsored by the 4-H Council! Thank you to all of the clubs who decorated booths. The Edgar Gruel building looked great!