



THE SCOOP

July 2025

Save The Date:

July 4 - Extension Office closed

July 6-12 - Exchange Trip To Wisconsin (Amber out of office)

July 8-11 - 4-H Congress * Bozeman (Carrie out of office)

July 14 - Beef Fitting Clinic * Fairgrounds, Red Lodge (Must make appt via Amber)

July 19 - MANDATORY Fair Clean Up Day * 9 am - 12 noon * Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

July 21-26 - Carbon County 4-H & FFA Fair * Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

August 25 - 4-H Record Books Due

Fair Entry Packet

All 4-H & FFA exhibitors will receive a fair packet containing exhibitor number & safety pins, fair t-shirt, indoor project entry tags, stall cards, fair schedule and a summary of your fair entries. No new entries will be added at fair. Pick up packets at the check in table during indoor judging or at the fair office after indoor judging. Remember that stall cards must be filled out and posted on pens by Thursday of fair.

Indoor Judging

Indoor project judging is the first day of fair - Monday, July 21. An interview schedule will be emailed to families the week before fair. Priority will go to exhibitors in cat, pocket pet, horseless horse, poultry and rabbit due to the show schedule. Please register in the Edgar Gruel building at the check in desk when you arrive for your interview. If you are late, you will be scratched. You may fill out an absentee interview form and attach it to your project if you will not be available to exhibit during fair week. Please contact the Extension Office for the form. Cloverbuds can interview from 9 am - 1 pm or when siblings are scheduled.

Fair Dress Code

Black jeans and a white long-sleeved, button up shirt are REQUIRED for indoor interviews, ALL shows and the livestock sale. FFA members are required to wear official dress. Cloverbuds are not required to wear black and white attire, but are encouraged to dress nicely for Cloverbud indoor interviews and the Cloverbud pet parade. Appropriate attire is required on the fairgrounds at all times during fair week.

Review the 2025 Carbon County Fair Book for fair rules & regulations and the fair schedule.

Carbon County 4-H

Carbon County Extension Office - PO Box 230 - 202 State Street - Joliet, MT 59041 - 406.962.3522

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Rabbit & Poultry Schedule Changes

Please note the Rabbit and Poultry schedule changes. Check in at the small animal barn is **REQUIRED** from **3-5 pm on Monday, July 21**. DO NOT put animals in cages until they have been checked in. The Poultry show will be **Monday at 5:30 pm** in the show barn. The Rabbit show will be **Tuesday, July 22 at 4:30 pm** in the show barn. Small animal exhibitors may take their animals home unless competing in sweepstakes or participating in the livestock sale on Saturday. Be sure to check out with Marcia Bickel!

Horse Check In



Horse project exhibitors must check in their horses and bits/tack from **6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 22**. Please don't arrive early as the dog and rabbit shows will be in session. Remove all coverings/wraps before check in. Do not stall your horse until vet checked and approved by the horse superintendents. Mandatory horse exhibitor meeting is at 8 pm in the horse barn. The horse show schedule and patterns will be posted in the horse barn.

Livestock Weigh In/Breeding Animal Check In

Market & breeding animals are required to go through the weigh/check in line Wednesday night of fair. Do not unload animals and walk them to the scale! Wait in line with your horse trailer/vehicle. Signs will be posted to guide you to weigh in on the south side of the show barn. Weigh/check in is from **5-7 pm on Wednesday, July 23**. *Market Beef exhibitors should bring their Bill of Sale.* Vet checks will occur during weigh in. Remove all animal coverings for weigh in/vet check.

Minimum Sale Weight: Beef 1,000#; Swine 215#; Sheep 110#; Goat 50#

Maximum Sale Weight: Beef 1,600# (pay out 1450#); Swine 330# (pay out 300#); Sheep 180# (pay out 165#); Goat 120# (pay out 100#)

Camping

The fairgrounds will open for campers at **8 am on Sunday, July 20**. Please don't ask to bring campers early. Saving spots is not allowed. Personal vehicles should be parked in the fairgrounds parking lot to leave room for other campers. Anyone taking up more than one camping spot will be asked to move. ALL campers/tents must be registered at the fair office by 8 am Thursday; a list of occupants and chaperones with contact information will be required at the same time. ****No dogs allowed.****

No campers will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds on Monday, July 21 from 8 am -3:30 pm during Indoor Judging.

**** Fair award winners will be required to write a thank you note to the sponsor of their award while at fair! Keep in mind that thank you's should be sent to buyers of silent/livestock auction exhibits.**

****Thank you to the 4-H families who sold **12 Days of Family Fun Raffle** tickets and to 4-H leader Marcia Bickel and club leaders for helping coordinate and get sponsors. All proceeds benefit Carbon County 4-H youth. Congrats to winner Rachel Gopp!**

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



Fair Clean Up Day

Saturday, July 19

**9 am - Noon at the fairgrounds,
Red Lodge**

You MUST contact Amber in advance if you are unable to help on clean-up day.

You will be assigned other jobs. This is a requirement in order to exhibit at fair.

Indoor Silent Auction

Indoor project exhibitors are allowed to sell 2 blue ribbon projects in the silent auction. Please let the judge know that you are entering your project in the auction. Deadline to enter is Wednesday at 5 pm; auction closes at 3 pm on Saturday of fair.

Each club is asked to donate a basket for the silent auction. Please have baskets to the Edgar Gruel building by 5 pm on Monday of fair. All proceeds go to the 4-H program.

Cloverbud Indoor/Animal Showcase

4-H Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in fair, although it is not required. Cloverbuds should turn in a fair entry form to ensure the correct fair t-shirt size. For indoor project judging, Cloverbuds can interview from 9 am – 1 pm or at the same time as sibling(s). The Cloverbud Animal Showcase is Saturday, July 26 at noon in the show barn. Cloverbuds are encouraged to bring their pets/well-behaved animals! Please use the fair entry form to RSVP for this fun event.

4-H Clubs

Indoor fair entries will be organized by club rather than by project area. Each club is asked to decorate their club booth and to provide a representative to help organize their club entries after the conclusion of indoor judging on Monday afternoon. Club booths will be anonymously judged for creativity, and the winning club will receive \$200 from the 4-H Council for a club party. Don't forget to bring your club banner to hang above your club booth! Pick up banners after the sale on Saturday of fair.

Each club is asked to contribute a basket for the silent auction at fair. Club baskets will be placed on club booths. Please have baskets to the fairgrounds by Monday evening of fair. This is a fundraiser for the 4-H Council who in turn provides support to the many areas of 4-H throughout the year.

Club concessions have been assigned based on club enrollment and project participation. Clubs are responsible for manning the concession stand and maintaining the kitchen and eating areas of the Edgar Gruel building during their assigned time. [See the attached schedule.](#)

4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters also have assigned daily fair clean up duties. This is a rotating schedule from year to year. Note that flags should be raised by 8 am each morning and lowered by 9 pm at night.

Do you have project questions? Contact 4-H agents Amber Elliott or Carrie Guderjahn at the Extension Office or one of your project superintendents:

Cat/Pocket Pet: Amber Elliott 406-962-3522

Beef/Dairy: Kraig Krook 406-598-8535, Luke Miller 406-200-5537

Sheep/Goat: Crystal Wright 406-671-2511, Brianna King 406-426-4441

Swine: Jeff Krook 406-672-4293, Melissa Goetz 406-855-1610

Horse: Stacie Nardinger 406-425-3811, Taylor Nuttall 406-425-0411

Dog: Diana Doll 406-425-4583

Poultry/Rabbit: Marcia Bickel 406-696-8034, Diana Doll 406-425-4583

Indoor: Carrie Guderjahn 406-962-3522, Janice King 406-696-4560

Refer to your Fair Book for detailed schedule, project guidelines and rules for fair.

Club/Chapter Fairgrounds Clean Up Duties

FFA Chapters	Empty trash barrels daily starting Tuesday and ending Sunday
Rock Creek Ranchers	Flag raising & lowering, clean up outside between show barn & Edgar Gruel building and fair office area, playground area
Boyd Bandits	Parking around Edgar Gruel building to horse barn including rabbit/poultry barn/fair office, outdoor arena
Rockvale Ramblers	Inside Edgar Gruel building/indoor project area
RL Rangers/Shane Ridge Rustlers	In, around & behind horse barn and horse wash rack areas
Foxie	Hog barn, outdoor bleacher section & hog wash rack area, parking lot behind hog & show barns
Fromberg GoGetters	Show barn beef section & announcers stand, inside show arena & beef drying rack
Fox Stars	Show barn sheep/goat section, bleachers and parking area along creek by show barn

Carbon County Fair Dance

Friday, July 25

Edgar Gruel Bldg, Fairgrounds

(after Beef Showmanship)

All 4-H & FFA fair participants and their families are invited to attend. Non-4-H & FFA attendees are required to follow all fair rules & regulations.

Hosted by 4-H Council, Boyd Bandits 4-H Club & Shane Ridge Rustlers 4-H Club.

Refreshments Provided By
Montana Farmers Union.

Fair Promotion

The Fair Board will mail out a market sale catalog to potential buyers again this year to promote the live sale.

Have you done your part by sending letters to or visiting potential buyers? Many people support the Carbon County Fair auction-let them know who you are, what animal you are selling and invite them to the free buyers' lunch!

Buyers Lunch 11 am * Auction 1 pm

Swing by the Extension Office to get the fair schedule to hand out to potential buyers!

THANK YOU to NorthWestern Energy, Sibanye Stillwater Mine, Beartooth Billings Clinic and Beartooth Stock Association for sponsoring fair t-shirts! Valerie Whitney again donated her time and expertise and designed the 2025 fair t-shirt logo.

The **Carbon County 4-H Teen Leaders** are available if you need assistance at fair! Watch for them in their blue/gray shirts. They will be helping with indoor judging, animal shows and in the fair office.