



THE SCOOP

January 2026

SAVE THE DATE:

January 19 * Extension Office Closed, Holiday
February 1 * Ind Study/Design Your Own Project Plans Due
February 1 * Indoor Archery Shoot, Red Lodge
February 1 * 4-H Sewing Workshop/Cloverbud Workshop
February 14 * State 4-H Scholarship Application Due
February 14 * People Partner Grants Due
February 16 * Extension Office Closed, Holiday

Be sure to check your family email for updates and reminders from the Extension Office.



4-H Scholarships

Graduating 4-H seniors should have received an email from the state 4-H office with instructions and the link to apply for statewide 4-H scholarships. Go to

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

for the scholarship page. The Carbon County 4-H Council scholarship is due March 15 and has been emailed to county 4-H seniors. The application is also available on ZSuite under the Newsletters tab.

Congratulations

Cadyn Wright was recently recognized at the Montana Stock Growers Convention for having one of the Top Five steers in the statewide **2025 Steer of Merit** competition. Cadyn's 2025 fair market steer placed 4th overall in the Ultrasound Division (out of 935 entries!). This steer was Home Raised! That's amazing!

The **Carbon County 4-H Sr. Livestock Judging Team** placed 2nd at Montana 4-H Congress and qualified to compete at the National Western Stock Show this month. Team members Molly Miller, Tassyn Wright, Nevaeh Rupprecht and Harleigh Donnelly travelled to Denver with coaches Amber Elliott and Luke Miller to compete. They practiced at several ranches and feedlots along the way to keep their skills sharp. The team placed 15th overall, 9th in goats, 10th in cattle, Tassyn Wright was 34th High Individual.

Who's Who In The Extension Office? Drop by during office hours for a visit!

**Amber Elliott, 4-H/Agriculture Agent * Carrie Guderjahn, 4-H/Family Consumer Sciences Agent
Sheri Hatten, 4-H Program Assistant/Office Administrator**

Carbon County 4-H

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4-H Council

Newly elected 4-H Council officers are Amy Mettes, President; Misty Miller, Vice-President and Stacey Stringari, Secretary. See the 2026 county 4-H calendar for the meeting schedule. One adult/teen leader from each club should plan to attend 4-H Council meetings to ensure there is a voting quorum. Countywide 4-H decisions are made at 4-H Council meetings! The 4-H Council is integral to the success of Carbon County 4-H and provides valuable support to the Extension Office.

4-H Project Manuals

4-H members should order project books through their club organizational leader. The Extension Office keeps many of the manuals in stock if you would like to preview before ordering. Recommendations for project literature can be found in the Clover Project Selection Guide (available in ZSuite under the Newsletters tab).



Indoor Archery Shoot

The Carbon County 4-H Indoor Archery Shoot registration is available in ZSuite under Events. Archery project members are encouraged to participate in this fun event being held Sunday, February 1 at the fairgrounds, Red Lodge. The competition is divided by archery discipline and age. Questions can be directed to Christina Roorda: carboncountyarchery@gmail.com. Deadline to register is January 28.

Animal Quality Assurance Training

County animal quality assurance (QA) requirements have changed. All 1st year 4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit an animal at fair are required to attend QA this spring. This includes ALL animal projects! New this year: Members will only need to attend QA training once per age division (Novice 8-10, Junior 11-13, Senior 14+, FFA). Call the office if you are unsure of your QA status. FFA members are responsible for tracking their requirements. **There are only 2 scheduled QA trainings this year - March 11 & April 12; plan accordingly!**

Sewing Project Workshops/Cloverbud Workshops

Sewing project workshops & Cloverbud workshops are scheduled for February 1, March 1 and April 26. In addition, Carrie will host Cloverbud and project workshops during the summer months (schedule pending). See the attached flier for the February workshops.

Mark Your Calendars

Montana 4-H Rec Lab (Columbus)
March 27-29

Animal Quality Assurance Trainings
March 11 - Extension Office, Joliet
April 12 - Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

4-H Leader Dinner Meeting
April 1 - Extension Office meeting room

Did you know.... Participation in the Carbon County Fair is not mandatory for 4-H members! Fair is optional!

Rockvale Ramblers Pet Vaccination Clinic
Sunday, January 18 from 12:30-2:30 pm at the Joliet Fire Hall, 129 N. Main St

Bring your cats and dogs to receive low-cost vaccinations provided by Stacey Wetherelt, DVM.

All proceeds will be donated to the Mayo and Kupfner families.

RSVP for
February
workshops
by January
28!



CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP

Cloverbuds are invited to a fun, hands-on workshop making a tie pillow while learning more about 4-H. All Cloverbuds are welcome!

Sunday February 1
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Carbon County Extension Office
Meeting Room, 202 State St, Joliet

Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Sunday March 1
Sunday April 26
Summer Dates TBS

SEWING WORKSHOP

Come stitch with us! This fun Introduction to Sewing workshop will help you learn how to use your sewing machine for upcoming projects. Bring your machine and your curiosity—open to all 4-H members 8+. Participants do not need to be enrolled in a sewing project!

Sunday February 1
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Carbon County Extension Office
Meeting Room, 202 State St, Joliet

Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Sunday March 1
Sunday April 26
Summer Dates TBD

RSVP and Questions: carrie.guderjahn@montana.edu or call 406-962-3522

Rockvale Ramblers & Montana Mobile Veterinary Service

Annual Vaccination Clinic

Distemper and Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs and cats



*Proceeds will be donated to
The Mayo and Kupfner Families*

Where: Joliet Fire Hall (Follow signs)

When: Sunday January 18th

Time: 12-2:30pm

Cost: \$25 per vaccination

For more information call

Christina Roorda (406)425-0542

Does your pet seem under the weather?
Please call before attending the clinic if your
animal seems under the weather

"Thank you" to Stacey Wetherelt, DVM of Montana Mobile Veterinary Service for supporting us
and working with us to provide this important community service.

2026 Carbon County 4-H Calendar

*purple denotes important 4-H dates *red denotes office closed

January 1-2 New Year's holiday, office closed 1 Project drop/add deadline 3 BB Gun practice starts 7 4-H Council meeting/officer elections 11 4-H & FFA market beef weigh/tag day 15 Winter Ag Series, Joliet 18 Pet Vaccination Clinic, Joliet 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed	June 1 Horse camp registration due 3 4-H Council meeting 9-12 Tri-County 4-H Camp, Nye 14 3-D Archery Shoot, Joliet 15-18 4-H Horse Camp 22 Fair entries & market photos due by 5 pm** TBA Beartooth Banners & Buckles jackpot show
February 1 Ind Study/Design Your Own plan due 1 Indoor Archery Shoot, Red Lodge 1 4-H Project/Cloverbud workshops 14 State 4-H scholarship appl. due 14 People Partner Grants due 16 President's Day, office closed	July 1 4-H Council meeting 3 Independence Day holiday, office closed 7-10 4-H Congress, Bozeman 18 Fair Clean Up Day 20-25 Carbon County Fair, Red Lodge TBA Fitting Clinic, Red Lodge
March 1 4-H Project/Cloverbud workshops 3 Master Gardener 1 series begins 4 4-H Council meeting 4 Fair theme entries due 11 Animal Quality Assurance, Joliet 13 4-H Council scholarship appl. due 27-29 Rec Lab, Columbus TBA State Shoot (not BB Gun), Bozeman	August 7-15 MontanaFair, Billings 24 Record books due by 5 pm** 26 4-H Council meeting
April 1 4-H Council/Leader Dinner meeting 3 Good Friday/Easter, office closed 12 Animal Quality Assurance, Red Lodge 18 Small Animal Boot Camp, Red Lodge 19 Communication/Demonstration Day 20 Fair poster entries due 26 4-H Project/Cloverbud workshops 27-30 Pick up swine tags (April 27-May 1) TBA Horse Spring Tune Up, pending TBA State BB Gun Shoot, pending	September 1-3 Record book judging 7 Labor Day, office closed 15 Fair Book Policy Change Request due 30 4-H Council Officer Executive meeting TBA State 4-H Horse/Working Ranch Shows
May 1 State 4-H awards appl due 1 Last day to pick up swine tags 1 Market sheep/goat weigh/tag day 8 4-H Camp registration due 15 Swine tag photos/horse forms due 22-23 Livestock Boot Camp, Columbus 25 Memorial Day, office closed 28-30 Livestock Judging Camp, Red Lodge	October 1 New 4-H year begins 4-10 National 4-H Week 7 4-H Council meeting 9-17 NILE 12 Columbus Day, office closed TBA Dog practice begins TBA 4-H Family Fun Day/Awards
	November 3 Elections, office closed 6-8 Fall Leadership Training 11 Veterans Day, office closed 25-27 Thanksgiving holiday, office closed
	December 1 Last day to enroll in 2026-2027 4-H year**** 1 International Travel appl due 5 Air Rifle practice starts, Joliet 6 Archery practice starts, Joliet 11 4-H Camp counselor/CIT applications due 15 Club forms due 17 Extension Office Holiday Open House 23-25 Christmas holiday, office closed
*Fair Board meetings, 3rd Monday at Fairgrounds or Ext Office	State 4-H events: www.montana.edu/extension/4h/

****Please note...all dates are subject to change! Refer to ZSuite and the newsletter for confirmed dates.****

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