

The Scoop

Your 4-H News

September 2026



The new 4-H year begins October 1!

138 4-H record books were submitted in August and 100 of them earned gold seals! That's amazing! Thank you, 4-H members, for your effort! A big THANK YOU to the 4-H leaders and parents who judged all 138 of the books; it's a time-consuming job: Misty Miller, Candice Fournier, Christina Roorda, Stacey Stringari, Denise Grewell, Crystal Wright, Erika Binando, Leslie Indreland, Loni Hanson, Michaela Tucker & Amy Mettes.

National 4-H Week is October 4-10. Did you know that 4-H is the largest youth development group in the United States? **Monday, October 5 is GO GREEN day.** Wear your green 4-H shirt and let people know about this great youth organization!

The new 4-H year begins on **October 1**. Enroll in ZSuite; do not create a new account in ZSuite if you are a returning 4-H family; use the email and pin that you have used in previous years! See the attached Returning Family Guide. Dues are \$20 per person with a family cap of \$80. Dues must be paid online in ZSuite before 4-H enrollment will be approved.

Dates to keep in mind:

December 1 – Enrollment Closes; **January 15** – Last day to add or drop a project

Join us for a **4-H Family Potluck & Awards Day** on Sunday, October 4 from 1-3 pm at the Joliet Community Center. We will give out member pins and have a fun community service activity.

Save The Date

4-H Exchange Travel Group
Informational Meeting
September 23

4-H Family Potluck &
Awards Day
October 4

2026-27 4-H Year
Begins – Enrollment on
ZSuite Opens
October 1

National 4-H Week –
wear your 4-H shirt!
October 4-10

4-H Council Meeting
October 7

Pasture To Plate
Columbus
October 17

Columbus Day
Extension Office
Closed
October 12



2025-26 Carbon County 4-H Teen Leaders

Fair livestock checks will not be mailed until all buyers have paid!

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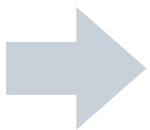
4-H Family Potluck

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

1-3 PM

JOLIET COMMUNITY CENTER

MAIN DISH, DESSERT, DRINKS & PAPER
PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED



****PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR SIDE DISH
TO SHARE!****

MEMBER PINS & MISC. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED



Monday, October 5, 2026

On Monday of National 4-H Week, **Go GREEN** and show your 4-H state spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H program being *Beyond Ready*. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint - anything green goes. Let's paint the nation **GREEN**, on **Monday, October 5th!**

Share your Go Green moment on social and tag National 4-H, your State 4-H program, and use **#4HBeyondReady** **#National4HWeek**



Thursday, October 8, 2026

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond.

Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator We want to know, on **Thursday, October 8th** and use **#4HBeyondReady**

LET'S PAINT THE NATION **GREEN** ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH!



PASTURE TO PLATE



Explore • Learn • Create

Join us for a hands-on 4-H experience exploring the journey from pasture to plate! Youth will learn meat identification, quality and yield grading, food safety and handling, and hands-on cooking skills. Come learn, taste, and build valuable skills along the way!

DETAILS



Meat Identification



Quality and Yield Grades



Meat and Food Safety



Cooking Skills



DATE

Saturday, October 17



TIME

9:00 AM- 1:00 PM



LOCATION

16 Sheep Dip Road,
Columbus, MT 59019

REGISTER ON ZSUITE



BY 10/3



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