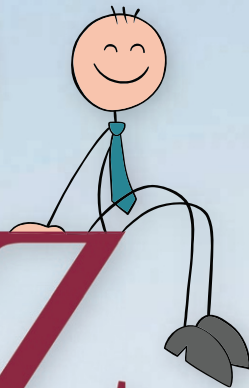


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The 2025 Ravalli County Fair: Animals, rides and rodeo ✨



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Kids take a whirl on the kiddie coaster at the Ravalli County Fair carnival on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.

RACHEL CRISP PHILIPS
For the Ravalli Republic

For four fun-filled days, Wednesday, Aug. 27 through Saturday, Aug. 30, the annual Ravalli County Fair and Rodeo celebrates the best of the Bitterroot and its agricultural heritage.

As one of the top family-friendly fairs in Western Montana, the fair offers nightly rodeos and live music at no extra cost, along with other arena events, free parking, and plenty of entertainment for guests of all ages.

The festivities kick off on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. with a Fair Parade

on Main Street in downtown Hamilton. For each day of the fair, the gates are open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the exhibit buildings open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Carnival hours begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, and at 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Purchase of a gate ticket includes admission to all events and entertainment, from livestock shows to rodeos, as well as free parking. Tickets for adults are \$15 per day, or \$30 for all four days; youth, military and seniors over 60 are \$10 per day, or \$20 for all four days; children five years and younger are free.

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Each day of the fair holds a variety of events, exhibits and vendors for everyone's interests. The National Rodeo Association holds a rodeo event each evening, and there are various other family-friendly diversions as well. Regular events include the Rockin' RC Rodeo, live music, bingo, and a multitude of 4-H/FFA shows, interviews, demonstrations and competitions which are held for every day of the fair.

Also throughout each day from noon to 8 p.m., a kid-friendly Wild West Fun Park & Laser Fast Draw takes place on the lawn behind the Historic Grandstands. Challenge family, friends and foe to a wild-west, laser-fast draw on 1,600 square feet of interactive space with shaded areas and water misters. At the same time, the Pirate's Rebellion on the North Lawn near the Goat Barn brings a high

seas bumper boat adventure with cannonballs, booty and super bouncy water slides.

Other highlights to be found at this year's fair include a Poetry Contest Reading & Awards, Barrel Racing, performances by the Bitter-root Mountettes, Dog-Powered Sports demonstrations, tractor pulls, mutton bustin', kid's bike giveaway and the FFA Cake, Cookies and Pie Auction.

A great way to briefly check out the fair is the Lunch at the Fair program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, at the North and South gates. Visitors may purchase a special cash-only gate ticket and enjoy the fair, buy lunch, and visit exhibits and vendors then exit before 2 p.m. to receive a refund of the cash gate fee.

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A young cowboy does his best to stay on as his sheep kicks up dust leaving the chute at the Ravalli County Fair Mutton Bustin' event on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Fair

From 5

A special Sensory Day for sensory affected guests of all ages is planned for Thursday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no music or lights during this time, and only guests with a special wristband may ride.

Shade areas will be provided throughout the event at the 4-H Youth Barn, under the historic grandstands, and the food court, as well as at tents and picnic tables around the grounds. Additionally, a water wagon will be available north of the event center.

Please note that dogs will not be permitted on the grounds during the fair, except for service dogs and 4-H project dogs, and there is no smoking or alcohol permitted on the grounds, buildings, or barns.



A blue ribbon pumpkin grown by Sarah Harrison of Florence at the 2023 Ravalli County Fair.

For more information on the Ravalli County Fair, please visit www.rcfair.org, or contact the Ravalli County Fairgrounds office at (406) 363-3411. A full program of this year's events can be found at <https://ravalli.us/583/Fair-Book>



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The Community Stage, formerly known as the Free Stage, next to the West Gate entrance on Old Corvallis Rd. has been moved this year. It is now located in front of the

Rabbit and Dairy/Poultry Barns, directly behind the women's bathroom.

LIVE MUSIC STAGE

Wednesday, Aug. 27

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.: Sam Nelson

11 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.: Aidan Boller with special appearance by Liv Marble

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: Cale Moon

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Sam Nelson

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Cale Moon

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.: Love is a Dog

Thursday, Aug. 28

10 a.m. – noon:

Aidan Boller with special appearance by Liv Marble

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Cale Moon

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Sam Nelson

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Cale Moon

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.: Chris Bohenek Music

Friday, Aug. 29

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Sam Nelson

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Cale Moon

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: The Jolley Family Bluegrass Band

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.:

Bear Creek Boys

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.:

Cale Moon

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.: BevRidge Band

Saturday, Aug. 30

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:

Ty Coffin Music

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: Cale Moon

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: 93 North

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Cale Moon

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.: Montana Reign

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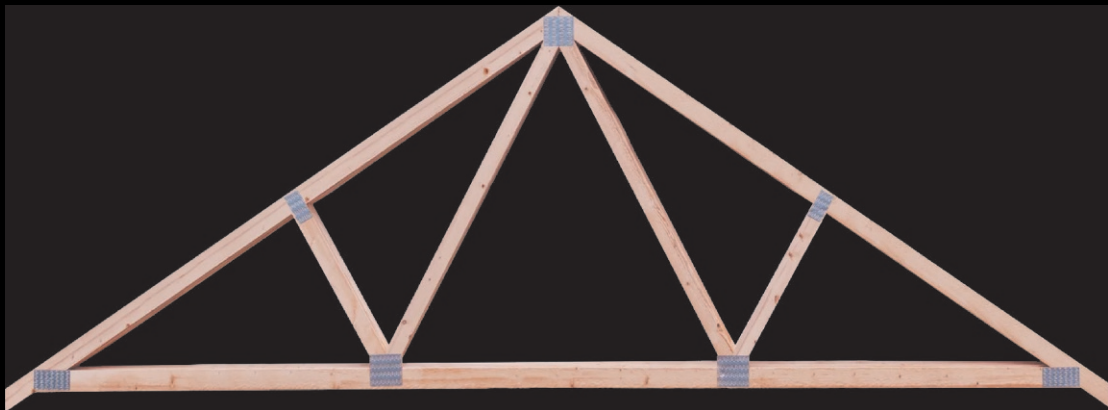
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COMMUNITY STAGE

Wednesday, Aug. 27

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:
Rodeo Pageant Speeches,
Interviews & Fashion Show
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: TBD
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Tasha
Fain Vocal
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.: 5 Valley
Accordions
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.: Poetry
Contest Reading & Awards
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.:
Stevensville FFA Alumni Pie
Auction

Thursday, August 28

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:
Rodeo Royalty Coronation
1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.:
World Taekwondo Academy
Demonstration
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.:
TBD



A couple poses
for photos at the
Ravalli County Fair
carnival.

JESSICA ABELL,
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3 p.m. – 4 p.m.:
AGRICULTURE – Cheese
Making Demonstration
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.:
Ravalli County Rodeo
Royalty
5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.:
Bike Giveaway hosted by
Bitterroot Health
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:
TBD

Friday, Aug. 29

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:
Bitterroot Line Dancers
Noon – 1 p.m.:
AGRICULTURE – Herb
Demonstration
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.:
AGRICULTURE – Cheese
Making Demonstration
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:
Eric Monson Vocal Studio
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: Ty

Coffin Music
5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.:
Bike Giveaway hosted by
Bitterroot Health
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.: DJ
Dance Party

Saturday, Aug. 30

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.:
Bitterroot Discovery
Children's Museum – "Out
of World" – Spaced themed
Science Base Fundraiser
Noon – 12:30 p.m.:
World Taekwondo Academy
Demonstration
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.:
Bitterroot Community Band
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Dueling
Dragons Taekwondo
Demonstration
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.: Ty
Coffin Music
5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.:
Bike Giveaway hosted by
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7 p.m. – 10 p.m.: DJ
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2025 Schedule of Events



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Tie down roping at the Ravalli County Fair's Rockin' RC Rodeo,.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

4-H/FFA ENTRY FORMS DEADLINE

5 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Entry Forms due in the Fairgrounds Office no later than 5 p.m. – No late entries will be accepted.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

4-H/OPEN DIVISION ENTRY FORMS & POETRY ENTRIES DEADLINE

5 p.m.: Open Division entry forms due in the Fairgrounds Office no later

than 5 p.m. – No late entries will be accepted.

5 p.m.: PARADE entry forms and fees must be received in the Fairgrounds Office no later than 5 p.m. No late entries.

5 p.m.: POETRY Poems and cover sheets must be in Fair Office no later than 5 p.m. No late entries. Details in Dept. 23.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

5 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Dog Show – Obedience & Showmanship in Event Center

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AUGUST 18, 2025**

12 p.m. – 6 p.m.:
4-H Interview Judging
(Non-Perishable) under
the Grandstands
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.:
4-H/FFA Swine Interviews in
Hornung Arena

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 23, 2025**

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Horse
Show and Interviews in Main
Arena

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: 4-H/
FFA Mandatory Goat
Interviews in Goat Barn

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:
4-H/FFA Swine Interviews in
Hornung Arena

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 24, 2025**

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.: All Open



JESSICA ABELL, RAVALLI REPUBLIC

The Bitterroot Mountettes perform in the Main Arena at the Ravalli County Fair.

Division Still Exhibits Due
EXCEPT Floral. (See Monday,
August 25 Schedule for Floral
deadlines.)

12 p.m.: Goats arrive in
afternoon

1 – 6 p.m.: 4-H Interview
Judging (Perishable) in 4-H
Indoor Barn

**MONDAY,
AUGUST 25, 2025**

9 a.m.: Open Division
Dairy Goat Show in
Applebury Arena

9 a.m.: Judging begins in
Event Center and Agriculture
Barn for Open Division

Exhibits

1 p.m.:

Open Division
Market Goat Show in
Applebury Arena

2 – 7 p.m.: 4-H/
FFA & Open Division

Rabbit check in at

Rabbit Barn

2 – 7 p.m.: Open
Division Poultry check in at
Poultry Barn

3 – 7 p.m.: Open Division
Floral Exhibits Due in Floral
Barn

4 – 6:20 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Market Goat weigh-in

4 – 7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Market Sheep Weigh-in &
Breeding Sheep check in

6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting in
Poultry Barn

6:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting in Beef
Barn

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6:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting in Goat
Barn
7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting in Rabbit
Barn
7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting in Dairy
Barn
7:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting for
Swine in Hornung Arena
8 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Mandatory Meeting for
Sheep in Hornung Arena

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 26, 2025**

All Day Main Arena is
closed to any public use or
practice (Events Only)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Swine Weigh-in

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.:

4-H/FFA Beef
Weigh-in & Beef
Animals check in

9 a.m.:
4-H/FFA Dairy
Goat Show &
Showmanship in
Applebury Arena
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.:
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carnival tickets and
livestock passes in
Fairgrounds Office before
5 p.m.

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.: 4-H/
FFA Poultry check in at
Poultry Barn

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.: 4-H/
FFA Dairy Cow check in
4 – 8 p.m.: Open Division
Poultry check in at Poultry
Barn

8 p.m.: All Livestock
Exhibits must be in Barns

Please see **SCHEDULE**, Page 16

A woman and
child ride the Mega
Slide at the Ravalli
County Fair carnival on
Friday, Sept. 1.

**JESSICA ABELL,
RAVALLI REPUBLIC**



4-H & FFA Livestock
of Ravalli County



4-H & FFA Livestock Sale at Ravalli County Fair

Starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, August 30th, 2025 in Hornung Arena

Complimentary Buyers' Breakfast 6:30-7:45 a.m.

Enter through the North gate and register at the sale table

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Buyer may consign their purchase back to support for resale. The buyer will be billed the difference between the buyer's bid and the resale/support price. Resale/support prices will be announced at the sale.

ADD-ONS

Add-Ons are a flat fee of any amount added on top of the sale price. Add-Ons can be submitted before, during, or after the sale, and payment received no later than September 30, 2025. If any animal(s) you pay for do not sell in the livestock sale, your payment for that animal will be returned to you.

BUYERS' BREAKFAST

Please join us at the **Buyers' Breakfast, 6:30 - 7:45 a.m. outside the Hornung Arena** and get in on the auction excitement! Sale Committee and volunteers will be available to assist you.

BUYERS' RECOGNITION

Buyers will be acknowledged with a rosette, a certificate with a photo of the member and the animal purchased, advertisement in the newspaper, and an appreciation breakfast prior to the sale. We very much appreciate the support of our Buyers in this community who make this livestock sale such a success for our 4-H & FFA youth!

BUYERS' PARTICIPATION

All buyers must register by mail or at the registration table prior to bidding at the sale. All buyers will be assigned a bidding number.

Buyers must have this number when bidding.

Numbers can be picked up at the registration table. Your name and number will be announced when awarded the bid.

If you do not receive a Buyers' Packet in the mail or directly from a 4-H/FFA youth member, **contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at (406) 375-6611** to get the appropriate forms.

Thank you to the Buyers of the 2024 Grand Champions



Grand Champion Market Goat
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Buyer: Pigman Builders



Grand Champion Beef
Owner: Payton Weigle
Buyer: Eslinger Drilling



Grand Champion Swine
Owner: Christian Thornness
Buyer: Harpers Les Schwab



Grand Champion Dairy
Owner: Paytn Griffin
Buyer: Bobby Harrington



Grand Champion Sheep
Owner: Kealie Hixson
Buyer: Valley Irrigation, Inc.

Schedule

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**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 27, 2025**

All Day Spinning demonstration in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

8 a.m.: Poultry Breeding Project Interviews in Poultry Barn

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show in Iman Arena

10 a.m.: Fair Parade on Main Street in Hamilton

10 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC!

Sam Nelson on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

10 a.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns Open

10 a.m.: Open Division Poultry Cage judging in the



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Saylor Hailer, of Corvallis, brushed her Hampshire cross pig named Pinkie Pie at the Ravalli County Fair Sheep and Swine Barn on Friday, Sept. 1.

Poultry Barn

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Market Lamb & Feeder Lamb in Hornung Arena

11 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC!

Aidan Boller with Liv Marble, just off Rodeo Road, SE of

Goat Barn

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:

Ravalli County Rodeo Royalty Pageant Speeches, Interviews, & Fashion on NEW Community Stage

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Come

in for lunch between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and get a refund on your gate fee. South & North Gates ONLY

12 – 8 p.m.: Pirates Rebellion Family Water Act on the North Lawn near the Goat Barn

12 – 8 p.m.: Wild West Fun Park & Laser Fast Draw on the lawn behind the Historic Grandstands

12:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Poultry Show in Poultry Barn

1:00 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC!

Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

2 p.m.: CARNIVAL OPENS

2 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Sam Nelson on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

2 – 4 p.m.: Dragon Races in Main Arena

2 – 4 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Dairy Cow Show in Hornung Arena

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3 p.m.: Kiddie Goat in Applebury Arena followed by 4-H Market Goat, Boers, Showmanship, Pack Goats, & Non-Dairy Shows

4:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

5 - 6 p.m.: Poetry Contest Reading & Awards on NEW Community Stage

5 - 6:30 p.m.: Barrel Race - Wing Barrel Productions in Main Arena

6 p.m.: Kiddie Beef followed by 4-H/FFA Market Beef Show in Hornung Arena

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.: FFA Cake, Cookies, & Pie Auction on NEW Community Stage

6:35 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:45 p.m.: Grand Entry, Prayer, & National Anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo in

Main Arena

7 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Love is a Dog on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

10 p.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns close

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 28, 2025**

All Day Spinning demonstration in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

7 - 9 a.m.: Main Arena open for practice

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship followed by Kiddie Swing in Iman Arena

9 a.m.: Kiddie Poultry Show in the Poultry Barn

9:30 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

Please see **SCHEDULE**, Page 18

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From 17

10 a.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barn Open

10 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Aidan Boller with Liv Marble, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Dog Rally Obedience Demonstration in 4-H Dog Arena

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship followed by Sheep Breeding in Hornung Arena

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Sensory Carnival Event

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Horse, Mule, & Donkey Competition in Main Arena

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: 4-H Horse Viewing at the Fair by the Main Arena

11 a.m.: Working Scent Detection Dog Demonstration

in 4-H Dog Arena

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Come in for lunch between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and get a refund on your gate fee. South & North Gates ONLY

12 p.m.: Dog-Powered Sports Demonstration by Bitterroot Dog Powered Sport in Tractor Pull Arena

12 - 8 p.m.: Pirates Rebellion Family Water Act on the North Lawn near the Goat Barn

12 - 8 p.m.: Wild West Fun Park & Laser Fast Draw on the lawn behind the Historic Grandstands

12:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

1 p.m.: CARNIVAL OPENS

1 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Costume Contest in Hornung Arena

1-3 p.m.: Horse, Mule, &

Donkey Competition in Main Arena

2 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Sam Nelson on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

2 p.m.: 4-H Dog Freestyle Demonstration in the 4-H Dog Arena

2 p.m.: Threshing Demonstration on Antique Machinery Lawn

4:30 p.m.:

LIVE MUSIC! Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

4:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship followed by Breeding Beef in Hornung Arena

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Schedule

From 18

5 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Breeding Interviews in Sheep Barn

5 p.m.: KID'S HOUR! Mutton Bustin', Mini Buckers, and Boot Scramble in Main Arena

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway on the NEW Community Stage

6:35 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:45 p.m.: Grand Entry, Prayer, & National Anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Bulls-n-Broncs in Main Arena

7 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Chris Bohenek Music – Rockin' til 10, on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

10 p.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns close

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

All Day Spinning demonstration in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

7 – 9 a.m.: Main Arena open for practice

9 a.m.: Kiddie Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

9:15 a.m.: Open Division Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

10 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Sam Nelson on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE of Goat Barn

10 a.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns Open

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest in Hornung Arena

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Horse, Mule, & Donkey Competition in Main Arena



JESSICA ABELL, RAVALLI REPUBLIC

The Bitterroot Draft Horse Club's horse-drawn wagon at the Ravalli County Fair Parade.

11 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Market Beef & Breeding Interviews in Beef Barn

11 a.m.: Dog Herding Demonstration in 4-H Dog Arena

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Come in for lunch between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and get a refund of your gate fee. South & North Gates ONLY

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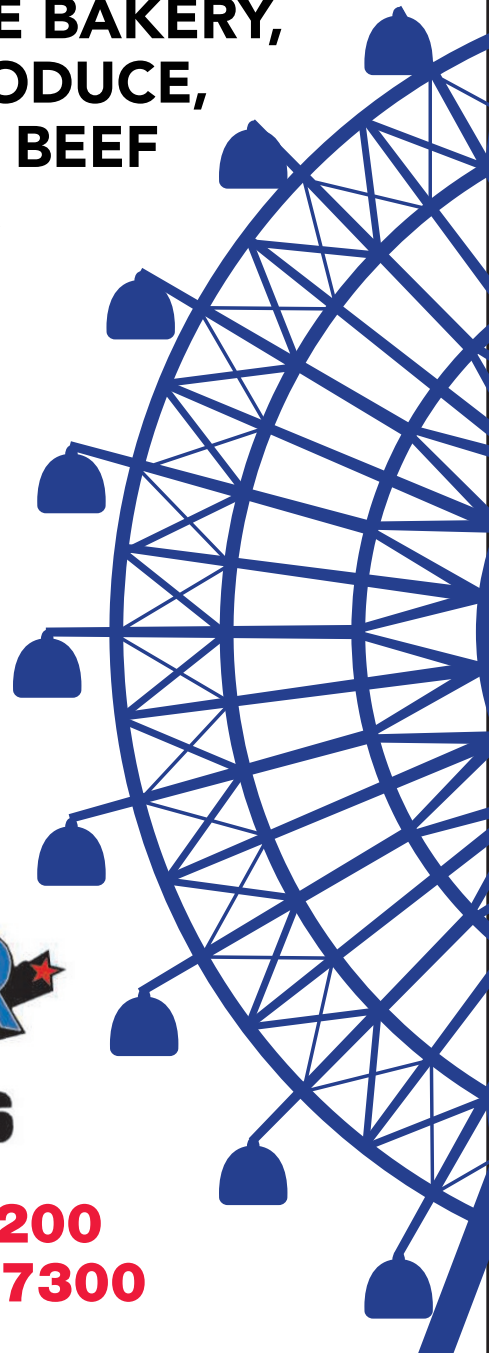
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Schedule

From 20

11:15 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC!
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Live Stage, just off Rodeo
Road, SE on Goat Barn

12 – 8 p.m.: Pirates
Rebellion Family Water Act
on the North Lawn near the
Goat Barn

12 – 8 p.m.: Wild West
Fun Park & Laser Fast Draw
on the lawn behind the
Historic Grandstands

12:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC!
Cale Moon Sponsored by
Ravalli County Fairgrounds,
Live Stage, just off Rodeo
Road, SE on Goat Barn

1 p.m.: CARNIVAL OPENS

1 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! The
Jolley Family Bluegrass Band,
Live Stage, just off Rodeo
Road, SE on Goat Barn

1 p.m.: Youth Tractor Pull



JESSICA ABELL, RAVALLI REPUBLIC

A barrel racer blasts through the arena at last year's Bulls, Broncs and Barrels competition at the Ravalli County Fair.

in Antique Machinery Arena

1 p.m.: Machine
Maintenance Demonstration
in the Quilting Department
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1 – 3 p.m.: Horse, Mule,
& Donkey Competition in

Main Arena

1:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA
Small Animal Round Robin
Showmanship Contest in
Hornung Arena

2 p.m.: Adult Tractor Pull
in Antique Machinery Arena

2:15 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC!
Bear Creek Boys, Live Stage,
just off Rodeo Road, SE on
Goat Barn

3 p.m.: Kiddie Lamb Show
followed by Open Jackpot
Lamb in Hornung Arena

4 p.m.: KID'S HOUR!
Mutton Bustin', Mini
Buckerz, and Boot Scramble
in Main Arena

4:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC!
Cale Moon Sponsored by
Ravalli County Fairgrounds,
Live Stage, just off Rodeo
Road, SE on Goat Barn

5:30 p.m.: Parade of
Champions in Main Arena

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway
on the NEW Community
Stage

6:30 p.m.: Bitterroot
Mountettes in Main Arena

6:40 p.m.: Grand Entry,
Prayer, & National Anthem in
Main Arena

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Schedule

From 23

7 p.m.: NRA Rodeo in Main Arena

7 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! BevRidge Band on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

7 p.m.: DANCE PARTY! on the NEW Community Stage

7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Battle of the Barns in Hornung Arena

10 p.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns close

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

All Day Spinning demonstration in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

6:30 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Buyer's Breakfast in Hornung Arena

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction in Hornung Arena. SALE ORDER: Market Goat, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: NRA Rodeo Slack in Main Arena

10 a.m.: Exhibit Buildings & Barns open

10:30 a.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Ty Coffin on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

12 p.m.: Barn Hunt Demonstration by Montana K9 Sports in the 4-H Dog Arena

12 – 8 p.m.: Premium Office open for pay-outs

12 – 8 p.m.: Pirates Rebellion Family Water Act on the North Lawn near the Goat Barn

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Schedule

From 24

12 – 8 p.m.: Wild West Fun Park & Laser Fast Draw on the lawn behind the Historic Grandstands

12:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

1 p.m.: Youth Tractor Pull in Antique Machinery Arena

1 p.m.: CARNIVAL OPENS

1 – 4 p.m.: Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition in Main Arena

2 p.m.: Adult Tractor Pull in Antique Machinery Arena

2:30 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! 93 North on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

3 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Small Animal Auction in Hornung Arena

4 – 8 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Auction Poultry Release – Walk out only

4:40 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Cale Moon Sponsored by Ravalli County Fairgrounds, Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road, SE on Goat Barn

5 p.m.: KID'S HOUR! Mutton Bustin', Mini Buckers, and Boot Scramble in Main Arena

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway on the NEW Community Stage

6 p.m.: Fair Family escorted by JZ Livestock in Main Arena

6:30 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:40 p.m.: Grand Entry, Prayer, & National Anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: NRA Rodeo in Main Arena

7 p.m.: LIVE MUSIC! Montana Reign on the Live Stage, just off Rodeo Road,



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SE on Goat Barn

8 – 10 p.m.: 4-H/FFA & Open Division Rabbit Release – Walk out only

8 – 10 p.m.: 4-H/FFA & Open Division Poultry Release – Walk out only

8:30 – 10 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Non-Market Goat and Sheep Release – Walk out only

10 p.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns close

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 29, 2025**

7 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Goat Release

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Rabbit Release

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Poultry Release

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Dairy Cow Release

12 – 4 p.m.: Premium Office open for pay-outs



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Pigmans named 2025 Ravalli County *Fair Family*

RACHEL CRISP PHILIPS
For the Ravalli Republic

Every year, the Ravalli County Fair recognizes a Fair Family to celebrate based on their commitment and dedication to the community, as well as to the fair. This year, congratulations are due to Ran and Char Pigman, the 2025 Fair Family Honorees.

Active with the fair since youth, Ran Pigman and his siblings participated in Fair projects throughout their school years. He competed during the first year that goats were allowed at the fair as an exhibition, after pushing to find recognition for that category. As such, Pigman has since regularly purchased the Champion Market Goat from the fair, as well as other animals.

While in high school, Pigman held a summer job work-

ing on the fairgrounds with upkeep, alongside manager Ned Applebury and head of maintenance, Oliver Long. During the horse racing years at the fairgrounds, Pigman tended the gate and ensured the safety of all visitors. Ran Pigman has won many Ravalli County Fair ribbons throughout the years for a variety of animals, mostly in the Honey category, and has won Best of Show for kombucha.

These days, Ran and Char Pigman serve as 4-H leaders with the Woodside Workman Club, with a focus on pigs and model rocketry. The Pigmans provide wiener pigs for 4-H members from their hog breeding program at their home farm. Their permaculture setup includes chickens, bees and 14 varieties of fruit trees.

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PERRY BACKUS, RAVALLI REPUBLIC

In this 2016 photo, members of the Trapper Creek Job Corps carpentry trades help Ravalli County Fair Board Member Ran Pigman place the frame of the new gazebo that became the centerpiece of a new bicycle/pedestrian rest area at the southwest corner of the fairgrounds.

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Pigmans

From 28

Pigman is also a member of the Fair Board, now called the Fair Commission. He is also the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, and always displays a willingness to pitch in. He also praises the efforts of volunteers in making the community happen.

Projects that he's worked on include upgrading the men's room, leveling and planting a lawn on the Tired Iron area, installing ADA access ramps into barns, designing and installing the bicycle rest area at the main entrance, expanding the tractor pull area, designing and coordinating handicap viewing platforms, re-

furbished an old ticket booth into a coffee shop, and tackling the paving of the Event Center parking lot.

Pigman serves as the VPO and Senior Advisor of local business Pigman Builders, as well as overseeing the operations at Dirt Works Excavation. He excels at blending his knowledge and construction experience into structural designs that functionally express each client's desires into efficient reality.

Pigman has attended the Ravalli County Fair for 53 years in a row, and has made it his life-long policy to always return to the fair.

Ran and Char Pigman will be recognized as the Ravalli County Fair's Fair Family on Saturday, August 30, at 6 p.m. in the Main Arena.

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