



Flathead County 4-H News

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Little and Littlest Chief Awards

Little Chief Award is sponsored by Western Outdoor and the Littlest Chief Award is sponsored by Corral West Ranch Wear.

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding 4-H member who demonstrates Citizenship and Community Service. Winners must demonstrate evidence in their activities and stories, that they have acquired life skills of

- 1) Taking responsibility for themselves and their choices; and
- 2) Having acquired a concern for their communities.

The winner in each category will receive a specially designed Montana Silversmith's belt buckle. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on our new website, <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension> Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 18th, 2008.

Sheep Shearing at the Fairgrounds



Wes, Betty, and Reese McAlpin have volunteered to help our 4-H and FFA members that need to get their lamb projects sheared. The shearing will take place at the Fairgrounds in the old Beef Barn on Monday July, 7th and Tuesday, July 8th. Shearing will begin at 4:30 pm and last until approximately 8:30 p.m. They will rough shear, trim feet, and weigh your lamb for \$7.00. Lambs must be relatively clean before they can be sheared. **You must make an appointment with the Extension Office (758-5553) and be on time for your allotted appointment.** Appointments should only take approximately 15 minutes.

Flathead County 4-H Camp, Stuck on You!



The official theme for 2008 is "4-H Stuck on You". It's a duct tape theme! Flathead County Camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old and is held at the Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H Camp in Ferndale. Camp will begin on Monday, July 21st and end on Thursday, July 24th. Cost to attend is \$70.00 per member. Karole and Sue, our camp directors, have just returned from the Virginia Camping Institute and have brought back tons of great camp activities and entertainment.

This year is a camp not to be missed! Join us for Stick to the Beat dancing activities, Stick-tastic Egg Baskets, Stickarama Craft Corner, and Sticky Foods. We will also be tie-dying, canoeing, swimming and much, much more. Registrations are available in the Extension Office or on our website at <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension> Applications and fees must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than Monday, July 7th, 2008. Partial scholarships are available upon request. Please call for more information. 758-5553.

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OTHER CAMP NEWS



FREE Day Camp by Montana Farmer's Union: The Free Camp is hosted by Montana Farmer's Union and will be held on Thursday, July 10th, 2008 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Fairmont Egan School. Children aged 5-12 years are welcome to attend. The school is located at 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell. Montana College students have the camp planned full of activities including, games, workshops, crafts and songs. Please invite friends and family for lots of fun. For questions please call Heather Siderius at 257-2427. To pre-register for camp please call 1-800-234-4071. This is not a 4-H sponsored camp.

Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp: July 20th-25th. Natural Resources Youth Campers spend one week in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht State Forest (east of Missoula). The accommodations are comfortable, the food is great, and the instruction and friendships are the best! Campers learn about forestry, water, soils, geology, range, wildlife, and recreation, and they spend a half-day rafting the Alberton Gorge of the Clark Fork River. The camp is open to all youth ages 14-18. Campers are accepted on a first-come basis. Cost for the camp is \$175.00 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact the Conservation District for sponsorship which may cover much of the camp cost. For more information, please contact Martin Twer at (406) 243-2775 or go to <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/default.asp>

Montana Youth Range Camp: Montana Youth Range Camp is August 4th-8th at Hysham, MT and is open to youth ages 12-18 years. Campers will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants—grasses, forbs, and shrubs—and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife, and livestock on the range. This well organized, balanced, and educational program brings together range professionals and interested students to learn in the great outdoors. Evening programs and activities allow campers an opportunity to meet new friends and develop lasting friendships. For more information please call Tina Bonell at (406) 342-5466 or go to <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/default.asp>

4-H Camp for Military Families: Has been canceled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

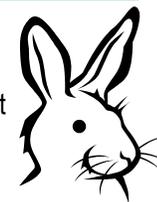


If You're a Lifeguard Then We're Looking For You!

Are you a certified life guard? We will need a certified life guard to work at the Flathead 4-H Camp at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake. The camp will be held from July 21st-24th. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553 This is a paid position.

Attention Rabbit Members— Two Informational Meetings Available

Tonia Fenster, the Rabbit and Pocket Pal Barn Superintendent at the NWMT Fair will be offering two meetings for all 4-H Rabbit Members. The first meeting will be held in the Rabbit Barn at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 17th from 6-7pm. This will be an informational meeting about Fair, pre-registrations and your rabbit. The second meeting will also be held at the Rabbit Barn at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 26th, 2008. This meeting will start at 10:00am and will last until noon. Please bring your rabbit to this meeting. You may also audit if you are unable to bring your animal. This will be a station style training meeting with information on grooming, showmanship, and the proper way to handle your animal. Tattooing will also be available. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tonia at 257-3590. **REMEMBER— all Rabbits must be tattooed prior to Fair, if they have not been previously tattooed.**



Horse Committee Meeting and Suggestions for Upcoming Year's Clinics

The Horse Committee will be meeting on Monday, July 14th, 2008 at the Extension Office at 5:30 pm. The meeting will include information about the upcoming Fair and will discuss the year's clinics and camp. If you have any suggestions regarding clinics for the upcoming year, please feel free to send your suggestions to the Extension Office previous to the meeting. You can email your suggestions to 4hweb@flathead.mt.gov or mail them to Flathead County Extension Office, 800 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Military 4-H Programs Open to EVERYONE! Space still available.

This summer, the Military 4-H program has some great, new projects that are open to all 4-H members. The Hiking program is planning several hikes this summer, including the Danny On Trail at Big Mountain, a hike to Hidden Lake in Glacier National Park, and much more. This is a great way to get out as a family and enjoy the beautiful valley we live in.



The Military program is also beginning a county-wide photography project. Activities include a possible photo scavenger hunt. This project will be using 4-H photo project books and materials. This is an opportunity for members to meet shutterbugs that are in other

4-H clubs around the valley.

And last, but not least, the Military program is opening up a county-wide Aerospace project in the fall. This program will also use 4-H curriculum. The project will include guest speakers and field trips.

All of these programs depend upon your participation! Please call the Extension Office to sign-up. 758-5553. We need to order books, so please call as soon as possible. For more information on these opportunities, please call Dorothy Lynch at 892-4028.



Volunteer's Needed at General Projects Building

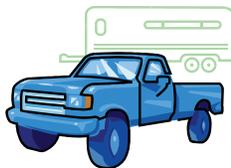


We will be needing volunteers for the General Projects Building at the Fair again this year. Linda Stewart and Marcia Burns have graciously agreed to once again be Superintendents and organize this huge part of the Fair. We need parents and volunteers to get the building ready and take in entries on Monday, August 11th, of Fair week. We get numerous entries so we can use lots of help. Please call Linda Stewart at 837-5091 or Marcia Burns at 755-1262.

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Help Needed at NWMT Fair

4-H and FFA will be looking for help this year when hauling hogs, beef and sheep to the processor after the Large Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008. The livestock are usually moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3950, if you are interested in helping.



Local Businesses Offer 4-H Members Discounts



- Western Outdoor is kindly offering all 4-H members a 15% discount for in store items. For more information please contact the store at 756-5818. Some restrictions apply.
- Corral West Ranchwear has generously offered 4-H members a 10% discount on all regularly priced items in their store. For more information regarding this discount, please contact the store at 752-6421.
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply is continuing their partnership with Montana 4-H and is once again offering members discount card. These cards have been distributed to your club leaders (one card per family). Leader's will find them in their club mailboxes. If you are an independent member, please stop by the Extension Office for your discount card.

Silent Auction at the Market Sale Supports 4-H Interstate Exchange

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange program will once again be hosting a silent auction at the 2008 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 16th. The Auction will begin at 8:00am and close at 1:30pm and will take place in the Trade Center Foyer. Exchange members are asked to bring their items to the foyer of the Trade Center no later than 6:30a.m., sale day, so they can be displayed properly. If you, or someone you know would like to donate an item to the auction, please feel free to either contact Wendy Morris at 862-0801 or the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel costs for our delegation to travel to Kansas the summer of 2009.

Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building

This year's Fair Theme is "A Squealin' Good Time". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can bring your club banner for identification and all the decorations you wish to use on your display. All entries from your specific club will be displayed in your club booth.

Country Cousins 4-H Club has sponsored a \$25.00 cash award to be presented to the club who's booth has displayed the Fair's theme the best. In the last six years the club booths have been awesome and a wonderful way to jazz up our general projects building with a burst of 4-H Club pride and spirit. If you have any questions, please call us at 758-5553.

Records and Registration Forms are Due Friday, August 1st

Livestock Registration: All Livestock Registrations are due in the Fair Office no later than August 1st, 2008 at 4:00 pm. These forms must be submitted on time; there are no exceptions to this rule. Livestock includes all animals that are shown at the Fair including, horses, dogs, llamas/alpacas, market livestock, and small livestock such as goats, poultry, rabbits, pocket pals, etc.



4-H Market Livestock Records and Drug Withdrawal Forms: Your market livestock records are due in the Extension Office by August 1st, 2008 no later than 5:00 pm. We suggest not waiting till the last day. Many times records are turned in

incomplete and must be finished before they are checked off. You may begin to bring in your up to date records to be checked off on Tuesday, July 15th, 2008. This gives you over a three week window in which to complete your requirements.

You will also need to complete a Drug Withdrawal Form and a Youth Livestock Program Commitment to Excellence Form. These forms are available in the Extension Office, on our website and is included in this newsletter. **Both forms need to be signed by the member and either your parent or 4-H leader.** Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

*We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. close toed, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. We would also ask that the ear tags on all market animals be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear Fat Baby Style Boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*

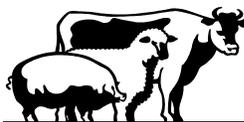


Attention Horse Project Members and Parents

Members: It is strongly suggested members wear helmets at all times. It will be enforced in all Northwest Montana Fair 4-H Horse Classes. Otherwise you must have a helmet waiver on file.

Parents: For the safety of your child and horse, you are required to be present when your child is participating in any 4-H horse event, whether a clinic, show, Fair, or open riding etc. If for any reason you must leave, you must make arrangements with another parent or leader to be responsible for your child.

Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair



The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 11th, 2008 in the main Livestock Building, also known as the Trade Center. The established

weights and weigh in times are as follows:

Animal	Weights	Weigh-in Time
Lambs	110-160 lbs	8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.

Lambs must be in the their stall no later than 8:00am.

Hogs	220-285 lbs	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
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Hogs must be in their stall no later than 12:00 pm (noon)

Beef	1050– 1450lbs	4:00 p.m.—5:00 pm.
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Beef must be in their stall no later than 3:00 p.m.

All animals will be weighed on the above time, so you must not be late. If you animal weighs-in light or heavy the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be checked and balanced, and the animal will be placed back on the scale immediately. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553 A fact sheet about weigh-in day is also available in the Extension Office and on line at <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension> and select the downloads link.



Market Beef Members: You need to make sure you have your blue brand inspection livestock paper before Fair. If you don't have it already, please contact the following people to make arrangements: Kalispell Area– Mark at 756-7710 or Fred at 756-8891, Bigfork Area– Joleen at 756-1202, and Columbia Falls/Whitefish Area– Lorell Reese at 250-1490. If you purchased your steer from a family member you need to have a bill of sale with you at the Fairgrounds.

Sale Flyers Will Be Available Soon in the Extension Office

The Sale Flyers for the 2008 market sale at the Northwest Montana Fair will be available in the Extension Office very soon. Many members choose to pass out flyers to the businesses that they and their families frequent. It's a great way to get the word out about the sale to buyers who may not have heard about it or to invite previous buyers to come back and support 4-H and FFA again. We will send out an email to all club leaders when the flyers arrive. Please feel free to call and ask any questions or to inquire about the flyers. The Extension Office phone number is 758-5553.



Buyer's Breakfast Meeting



This year's Buyer's Breakfast will be supervised by District 5. District 5 clubs are Grandview Supreme, Lasalle Boosters, Open Horizons, and the Hilltop Riders. District 1 will be assisting this year with the

Breakfast. District 1 clubs are B&F Livestock, Trial Blazers, and Rowdy Ropers. Julie Brubaker will be heading up the breakfast. **There will be a meeting on July 8th at 4:30pm in the Extension Office to get things organized.** At least one leader from each of the above clubs is required to attend this planning meeting. If you can't attend, please call Julie at 314-0175.

Montana 4-H State Horse Show

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show will be held in Missoula County at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis Montana. The dates of the show will be September 12-14th, 2008. Entry forms are currently unavailable, but will be out fairly soon. For questions, please call Campbell Barrett, 4-H Youth Development Agent for Missoula County, at 406-258-4203 or email him at cbarrett@montana.edu. Information regarding the Sapphire Event Center can be found at <http://www.sapphireeventcenter.com/>



Youth Positions Available on Montana 4-H Foundation Board

The Montana 4-H Foundation has two youth positions open on its board of directors. These two positions are in addition to the State Ambassador Officer that serves as a Foundation Rep. This is a great youth in governance opportunity. Members must be at least 14 years of age and have been in Montana 4-H for at least 3 years. There are one and two year terms available. The 4-H Foundation meets about 4 times a year and travel expenses are paid for by the Foundation. Applications should be turned into the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, August 26th. If you are interested in one of these positions, please call the Extension Office for an application. 758-5553

Make it With Wool Competition

The Montana Make it with Wool District 1 Competition will be held tentatively on October 25th, 2008. Counties participating in this district are Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Northern Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders. Winners of this competition will be eligible to compete in the State Finals in Billings on December 5th and 6th. State winners compete in Las Vegas. Competition rules and registrations are available in the Extension Office.

Fair Book Corrections

It's that time of the year again and the Fair Books are out and looking better than ever. Unfortunately, with the amount of information that this book must cover, it is almost impossible not to have a few inconsistencies. Here are a few that we have found thus far.

On page 93 under English Dress, the book lists that vests and coats are not allowed. This is a mistake. Vests and coats are allowed.

On page 100 there is a discrepancy on Round Robin times. The pre-training will be held at 11:30 am and the event will take place at 1:30 pm. This event is listed correctly on page 5, on the daily schedule.

Remember that if you have any questions, you are more than welcome to call the Fair Office at 758-5810 or the Extension Office at 758-5553. We are also happy to help if you have any questions about pre-registration. If something in the Fair book is unclear during Fair, always check with your Barn Superintendent.

4-H Valley Recycling Account

The Flathead 4-H Foundation has an account at Valley Recycling thanks to 4-H Leader, Judy Sommers. If you have recycling materials and would like to donate the Foundation this is a great way to do it. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553



Hunting, Shooting, or Outdoor Activities Video Essay Contest

Daisy Airguns and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are sponsoring a video essay contest where youth, ages 10-18, are asked to submit a 60-90 second essay demonstrating how safe, ethical hunting and shooting, spending time in the outdoors, or conserving and appreciating wildlife and nature has positively impacted their lives. The grand prize winner (and a parent) will receive airfare, lodging and registration to one of the great annual events for hunters and conservationists, the Elk Foundations' Elk Camp and Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo, March 5-8th, 2009 in Fort Worth TX. Numerous other prizes are also available. Visit www.daisy.com for complete rules and prize descriptions. The contest ends January 1st, 2009.

Newsletter Correction: I would like to apologize for not listing Cody Hosler as a 2008 graduating Senior in last month's 4-H newsletter. Congratulations Cody! We wish you success and happiness in the future!

BPOE Sheridan Lodge #520 Elk's Youth Rodeo



The Elks Youth Rodeo is held in Sheridan Wyoming at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds on August 23rd and 24th, 2008. This Rodeo is open to all youth, with categories ranging from under 6 years of age to 17 years of age. Events include pole bending, Goat Tail Tying, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, Flag Races, Break Away Roping, Team Roping, Steer Stopping and Ribbon Roping. There is also an All Around Youth award given to a participant who has competed in at least two events or more. The All Around Youth winner will receive a loaded Jackson, three horse, slant load, goose neck trailer. The All Around Senior prize winner receives a one year lease for a new Ford Truck. Numerous other prizes are also available. Entry forms must be turned in to the BPOE Sheridan Lodge no later than August 11th, 2008. Entry fees vary per event. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office or online at www.sheridanelks.org. We received information regarding this rodeo because they see very few Montanans enter this event and they would like to see more of us there. This is not a 4-H sponsored event.

2008 MT 4H Shotgun Postal

Junior 4-H members are to shoot one round (25shots) of Trap (5 shots from each of the 5 posts) from the 16 yard line. Seniors are to shoot two rounds (50shots) of Trap from the 16 yard line. Scores are to be shot between June 1st and August 15th. Score cards, signed by the scorekeeper, must be turned into the McCone County Extension Office at Box 200, Circle, MT 59215. A \$5.00 entry fee for each member is required. For more information, or to obtain score sheets, please call Ken Nelson at 406-485-2605.

To All Our Generous Fair Sponsors

We would like to thank all of those who have very generously contributed to the 4-H and FFA Fair award program for the 2008 Northwest Montana Fair. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, July 11th, 2008 if at all possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553

How Much Would You Pay To See Someone Kiss a PIG?

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange Program is hosting a new fundraiser at the NWMT Fair. The group will set up a jar for each "volunteer" who has agreed to participate in the event. The public can purchase marbles that they can then place in any volunteers jar that they choose. The volunteer with the most marbles in their jar by auction day of the Fair will have the honor of kissing "Dot" the pig. Marbles will be for sale throughout Fair week. We will be listing the names of our volunteers in the August newsletter and include more details about the event.



Free Registered Yearling Horse: Free to a good 4H home, registered half Arabian, half Quarter horse yearling. Call Patty Hayes for more information. 756-8717

Free Rabbit: Mini Lop doe, free to good home. She is sable in color. For more information, please call Sophia at 755-2071.

Free Rabbits: Free Pedigreed 4-H Rabbits. Dutch, Mini Lop, and Holland Lop. For more information please call Lindsey at 756-5715.



Wanted: Rabbit hutch for two rabbits. In Good Shape. Please call Lisa McKeon at 387-5543.

Wanted: Pasture land for 4-H Horse. Willing to pay. Please call Lindsey or Christine at 756-5715.



"You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you."

James Lane Allen

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