



Flathead Welcomes Mary Tuck as Interim 4-H Agent

Flathead County would like to welcome Mary Tuck to the Extension Office staff. She will be holding the part-time Interim 4-H Agent position through the months of July and August 2011. Mary was a Flathead 4-H member, leader, and has also worked in the Extension Office as the 4-H Military Grant Program Director for Flathead County in previous years. We are excited that she is joining us during this very busy time of year. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.

Little Chief Award



The Little Chief Award is sponsored by Western Outdoor .

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 receives a specially designed belt buckle. Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27th, 2011.

Flathead County Camp Registrations Available!

This year's theme is "The Great Outdoors!" Camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old and will take place at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, on Monday, July 25th through Thursday, July 28th. Cost to attend is \$75 for 4-H members. If space allows, non 4-H members may also attend at a cost of \$90. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, archery, cooking, outdoor survival, camp skits, campfire activities, and much, much more. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and on our website and are due in the office no later than Friday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m.



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Fair Registration is Available ONLINE!



This is new, members can register entries online for the NWMT Fair. Don't stand in line at the Fairgrounds August 1st. You can register from your home in just a few minutes. To do this, go to www.nwmtfair.com and fill out an entry form online. Please review the fair book for general rules and department specifics before filling out your entries. If you have any questions, please feel free to call

the Fair Office at 758-5810. Please remember that all livestock entries must be placed with the Fair Office either online or in paper form no later than August 1st. We'll see you at the Fair!!!

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Angie's Greenhouse 4-H Partnership

Angie Olson, 4-H parent and owner of Angie's Greenhouse, is offering 4-H families and friends an opportunity to give back to 4-H when purchasing plants. If an individual comes into Angie's Greenhouse and says they are with 4-H, 10% of their purchase will be donated to either their club treasury or to the 4-H Camp at Loon Lake for maintenance. The Greenhouse is located at 1722 Hwy 2, Columbia Falls. For more information regarding this generous offer, please call Angie at 253-7888. A big thank you to Angie for her kind donation.

Rabbit Showmanship Clinic & Tattooing

Brittany Bosley and Skylar Smith, both Sr. 4-H members of the Kila Rangers 4-H Club, are hosting a rabbit showmanship clinic for all 4-H rabbit project members at the Fairgrounds in the Rabbit Barn on Thursday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m. Members should bring their rabbits and carpet squares as this will be a hands-on clinic. 4-H Leader, Jennifer Bosley will also be on hand to help members who still need to have their rabbit's tattooed. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. We'd also like to thank Smith's Carpet for donating carpet squares to 4-H. Squares will be available at the clinic on a first come first serve basis.

Attention rabbit members: All rabbits brought to the NWMT Fair must be permanently tattooed for identification. The tattoo must be completely healed previous to showing the rabbit so be sure to take that into consideration.



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 Dale Lane at 249-5844, Bigfork/ Lakeside Area— Joleen at 756-1202, cell 261-5162, 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.

New at Fair This Year: Dog All Breed Confirmation Match

This match will take place after the Open and 4-H Dog Shows at Fair, on Friday August 12th. There are no entry fees to participate and no age limit. Entry forms are available in your fair books and need to be turned into the Dog Barn Superintendent or the Fair Office by 2:00 p.m. the day of the match. AKC recognized breeds only. Please call the Fair office at 758-5810 for more information.

Are You Interested in Interstate Exchange?

There will be a meeting held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, July 11th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for all 4-H members and parents who are interested in taking part in the 4-H Interstate Exchange program in future years. Wendy Morris will be heading up the meeting. Members must be 4-H age, 13 years and older, to be eligible to host and 14 years and older to be eligible for travel. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

4-H Market Animal Record Check Off Procedure (Hog, Beef, Sheep)



Your market livestock records are due in the **Extension Office by Monday, August 1st, 2011 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 Monday, July 11th, 2011. This gives you 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 and on our website. **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

Buyer's Breakfast Meeting



This years Buyer's Breakfast will be supervised by District 3. District 3 clubs are Dandy Dudes and Dolls, Montford Egan Eagles, Lakeview Livestock, A Bit of Difference, and Swan River. District 4 clubs will be assisting with the breakfast and these clubs are: Kila Rangers, High Mountain Meadows, Mountain Echo, Big Mountain Bears, Halfmoon Highlanders, and Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon 4-H. Tina Engebritson will be heading up the breakfast. **There will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m. 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 Tina at 261-3443.



Slick Shorn Sheep Requirement for NWMT Fair:

This is a reminder to all 4-H members that your animal must be slick shorn within 5 days before show day, August 17th.

Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair

The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 15th, 2011 in the Trade Center. The documented 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 their stall no later than 8:00 a.m.

Hogs	220-285 lbs	9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
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Hogs must be in their stall no later than 9:00 a.m.

Beef	1050- 1450lbs	3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
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Beef must be in their stall no later than 2:00 p.m.

All animals will be weighed on the above time, so you must not be late. If your 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 online.

Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building

This year's Fair Theme is "GET EXCITED!!". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday of Fair week, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. 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's 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 nine 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.

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 2011 Northwest Montana Fair. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, July 8th, 2011. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553



We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. closed-toe, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. Please note that ear tags on all market animals must be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear fashion boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.



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 15th, 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.

Sale Flyers Will Be Available Soon in the Extension Office

The Sale Flyers for the 2011 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.



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 21st, 2010. 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 751-3957, if you are interested in helping.

Market Sale Runners and Servers

Runners: This privilege and service is expected of everyone who is participating in the Market Sale. From the start of the sale at 8:30AM until the end of the sale at approximately 12:30PM, we need plenty of helpers to take clipboards with paperwork to the buyers in the stands. Sale runners wear 4-H vests (yes, you look official) that we provide. You are posted at various corners of the stands and when you are the closest to the buyer who just purchased an animal; you deliver the paperwork he/she will fill out. Wait for the paperwork to be completed and bring it back to the sale table and get a new clipboard with a blank form for your next buyer. If you are selling your animal first, middle, or last, please make time to help out.



Servers: We are looking for a family or club to take on one of the duties on Sale Day. Each year during the sale, as the morning warms, we provide water to the buyers in the stands. We will recruit 4-H members to carry it through the stands and serve it to the buyers. We need someone to take on the overall distribution of the refreshments. Please call the Extension Office if you can help. 758-5553



Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is providing children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, which would include horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting event prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727. Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the Office for reimbursement.

Horse Committee Meeting

The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Wednesday, August 31st, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. All clubs with horse members should have a representative at this meeting. To add an item to the agenda, please contact Wendy Haagerup, Committee Chair, at 257-1868.

Livestock Committee Meeting and Summer Foundation Forum

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be September 1st at the 4-H Building at 5:30 p.m. The Summer Foundation Forum Meeting will be on the same date and location at 6:30 p.m.

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

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 2011 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 20th. The Auction will begin at 8:00 am and close at 1:30 pm 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 6:30 am, 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 contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel and hosting costs of the 2011-2012 4-H interstate exchange program.

4-H Membership Discounts

- **Western Outdoor-** This store provides a 15% discount to members for show clothing.
- **Murdoch's-** This store provides a 10% discount on limited project items. Members must present a discount card to participate. If you need a 2011 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2010 discount card. Murdoch's also has a new feed program for 4-H and FFA members. Please contact the store directly for details.
- **CHS-** If you're purchasing feed through CHS for your market animal, you may want to stop by CHS for details regarding their "Champion of Champions" program. They have incentives available to those who participate.
- **"Frame It" Studio and Gallery-** located at 50 Second Street East in Kalispell is offering all 4-H Members a 50% discount on matting and shrink wrapping photos and art for the NWMT Fair.

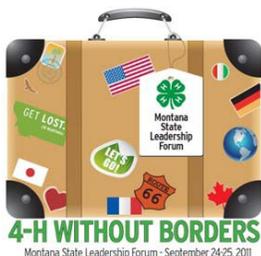


End of Year Celebration Potluck and Carcass Awards Night

We'll be holding the 4H and FFA End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Tuesday, August 30th, at 6:00PM. We will also be presenting the awards and distributing results for the new steer award and the carcass entries at the Northwest Montana Fair. **All 4H and FFA families who take part in the Northwest Montana Fair are welcome to attend.** Please bring what you would like to drink and a food dish with a serving spoon or fork. We will have barbequed pork, so bring side dishes and desserts to fill out the meal. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Montana 4-H State Leader's Forum



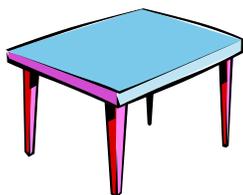
Pack your bags for a 4-H adventure without borders at the 2011 Montana 4-H State Leadership Forum, which will be held at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, MT on September 23-24th, 2011. Open to all 4-H volunteer leaders and teens, this is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event you will network with others from across the state, gain new

skills and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. Highlights include a project skill-a-thon, international foods, hands on workshops and a keynote speaker. The setting is a resort like atmosphere near Yellowstone National Park and also has outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and fishing. Cost is \$90 if postmarked before August 26th or \$110 after the 26th of August. Registrations will be available starting in July at the state website: <http://www.montana4h.org> Mark your calendars now!

Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

The President is Challenging one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H is taking on the President's challenge by attempting to have 100,000 4-Her's complete the challenge by September 2011. The National 4-H Council has created a group that members can join at <http://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php> Fill in the registration form, and when you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on groups tab and join the 4-H group. Your Group ID number is 96548 and your group name is National 4-H Program. Once you've joined that group you will need to start logging your activities to track your progress. The goal is to have members log one hour of activity a day for six consecutive weeks, five days a week. Adults can take part too by logging in one half hour of activity daily, five days a week, for six consecutive weeks.

We Need Your Help:



The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of new tables for the lodge. We would like to purchase light weight 8 foot tables but we need donations to make that happen. If you and/or your club would like to donate money toward the bulk purchase of these tables, we are accepting

donations at the Extension Office. **We'd like to Thank Montford Egan Eagles, Swan River and the Rowdy Ropers 4-H Clubs for their donations for tables!**

Holiday Mail For Hero's Project

The Holiday Mail for Heroes is a participatory program that asks the American public to create holiday cards for our military service members, their families, and war veterans. The program is headed up by the American Red Cross. These cards include a personal greeting, and the heartfelt sentiments of appreciation, comfort, and hope so needed during the holiday season.

Last year, many schools, organizations, and individuals participated in this program, generating approximately 1,500 cards that were sent to the Capital Heights, Maryland for screening by our partner Pitney-Bowes. Some cards created and sent from Montana reached service members around the globe, while others reached military installations, military families and veterans throughout America.

Our goals for the 2011 program are loftier: We hope to surpass 15,000 cards. This will only be possible with cooperation from schools throughout the state who choose to participate in this program at all levels.

We are asking that community service programs consider this activity in their fall programming. Additional information will be sent via email in August 2011, and will explain the program in much greater detail.

For more information clubs may contact:

Kevin Murszewski
Service to Armed Forces Volunteer Liaison:
American Red Cross of Montana
1-800-ARC-MONT
1-800-552-5902 (Cell)
murszewskik@usa.redcross.org

Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge



The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Her's collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$20,000!!!

Montana Shares Raffle

The Montana 4-H Foundation has teamed up with Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups dedicated to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the State. The program is holding its 17th Annual Raffle. Tickets cost \$10 each or \$25 for 3. Drawing will be held September 10th for 16 fabulous prize packages. Need not be present to win. Packages include a Fairmont Hot Springs getaway, Tickets to a UM Griz football game and artwork, or a two night stay at The Lodge in Big Sky. For more information please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

2011 National 4-H Science Experiment- "Wired for Wind"

4-H National Youth Science Day is October 5th, 2011 and clubs are encouraged to go to the National Youth Science Day website for experiment guides and to start planning your events. The experiment was designed to engage youth in the engineering design process of renewable energy technologies. Youth will design and build their own wind turbines, play with blade pitch variables and map a potential wind farm site in their own state.



To download resources please go to www.4-H.org/NYSD

2011 Make It With Wool Contest

This competition is open to pre-teens (12 and under), juniors (13-16), seniors (17-24), and adults (25 and up). Fabrics used must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Also included in this year's event is a quilt / afghan contest. Flyers are available in the Extension Office. For more information, include contest dates, please email Bernie Lake at db121@ronan.net or call her at 406-676-2173.



Black Hills Leader's Laboratory

The Black Hills Recreation Leader's Laboratory is held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, South Dakota on October 1-7th, 2011. This leader's workshop is titled the Mentality of the Mentor, Growing Yourself and Those Around You. Anyone 16 years or older can attend. Cost is \$300 if registered before July 10th or \$325 after. Registrations available in the Extension Office. More information can be obtained by calling Karen Ward at 406-932-6747 or Susan Michalakes at 401-294-7209.

Free and Wanted Items

Free to Good Home: Morgan Mare, 19 years old, very sound. 14 1/2 hands, Blood Bay, saddle trained, loads and trailers well. Please call Kathie at 314-4037.

Free to Colt to Maturity Project Member: Filly Paint, 1 month old, no papers. Please call Mary Scheetz at 314-2251 for more information.

Free to 4-H Home: 2 year old Filly Appaloosa Quarter Horse, ground broke and very well behaved. For more information, please contact Tali Luce at 892-1593.

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IN LIFE IS MEETING PEOPLE HALFWAY.

~HENRY BOYE~

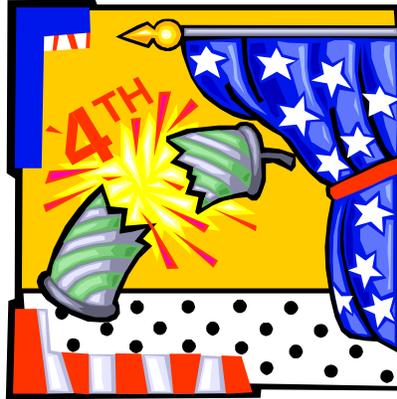




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