

The Wednesday Reader

November 20, 2013

With the Thanksgiving holiday there will not be a Wednesday Reader next Wednesday, November 27.

2014-2015 Big Sky Pathway Submission Process

If your high school is planning to submit a new Big Sky Pathway for 2014-2015, please take a look at the **Submission Kit** and the link to the **Montana Big Sky Pathway Implementation Guide** that can be found here: <http://mus.edu/BigSkyPathways/default.asp>.

The *Submission Kit* explains when pathway approval is required, explains the approval process, contains the forms required for submission, and lists the timeline for submitting a new/revised pathway. This a joint project between the Office of Public Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) as a requirement of the Carl D. Perkins federal grant.

If you have questions about the 2014-2015 pathway submission process, please contact one or more of the following specialists:

Postsecondary OCHE Program Manager

Kali Wicks, High School to College Pathways Program Manager

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Postsecondary College Pathway Coordinators

<http://mus.edu/BigSkyPathways/PathwayCoordinators.asp>

Secondary OPI CTE Program Specialists

http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_16

ServeMontana Awards, Nominate a Volunteer or Group/Organization

The Governor's Office of Community Service and the Montana Commission on Community Service is now accepting nominations for the [2014 ServeMontana Awards](#).

Presented in February, these annual awards recognize outstanding Montana individuals, organizations and national service members committed to community and volunteer service.

“Montanans deserve to be recognized for the impactful work they are doing in local communities,” said Dan Ritter, Director of the Governor's Office of Community Service. “The ServeMontana Awards provide an opportunity for volunteers to share their stories and inspire others.”

The [ServeMontana](#) Awards are for service and volunteer work in the areas of education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, veterans & military families, economic opportunity, disaster services, emergency preparedness, and emergency response.

The nomination form is available to download at serve.mt.gov/servemontana-awards. All nominations for the 2014 awards must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Community Service by December 2, 2013. The awards will be presented during a ServeMontana Award ceremony open to the public in February 2014 in Helena.

Tis the Season for Soup – Try Calculator Soup

[Calculator Soup](#) is a free online calculator resource. Here you will find loan, mortgage, time value of money, math, algebra, trigonometry, fractions, physics, statistics, time & date and conversions calculators.

Many of the calculator pages show work and/or equations to help develop and understanding of calculations. If you do not see what a calculator you want, submit a request for new calculators or additional features and information via [Calculator Requests and Suggestions](#).

You can also look obtain a free online calculator you might use on a website. Check out the directions for [Pop Up Calculators](#).

Montana Saves Scavenger Hunt – Invitation to Students

Want to experience something innovative and different while learning about the benefits of saving at the same time? Try the *Montana Saves Scavenger Hunt!* If you are a Montana student age 14 to 19 the hunt is definitely for you.

With your successful completion of the [Montana Saves Scavenger Hunt](#) you will become eligible for a drawing for one of 31 cash awards of \$100 during America Saves week February 24-March 1, 2014. These cash awards are courtesy of the Montana Credit Unions for Community Development and the First Interstate BancSystem Foundation.

You do not have to complete the hunts all at one time. You have until February 15, 2014 to complete all 10 hunts.

To participate

1. Go to the website: www.msuetension.org/montanasavesscavengerhunt
2. Click the continue button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Under **Is this your first time here?** Click new account. Complete each field; make a note of your username and password, then click “Create my new account.”
4. For security purposes, a message will be sent to your email account with a link to confirm your enrollment in the *Montana Saves Scavenger Hunt*.
5. Once you receive the email, click the link in the email message and begin your *Montana Saves Scavenger Hunt*.

Helpful Tips:

--If you need to logout and finish the hunt at a later time, you can return to the website again at www.msuetension.org/montanasavesscavengerhunt and follow the “login” link in the upper right hand corner of the page.

--You will be prompted for your username and password on the left side of screen, under “Returning to this Website”

If you have difficulties with registration or with any of the hunts contact Keri Hayes, MSU Publications/Extension Economics Administrative Assistant, khayes@montana.edu, 406-994-5695.

If you have questions about course content contact Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist goetting@montana.edu, 406-586-5259.

Literacy-in-CTE Resources Now Available for Your Download and Use

During the 2013 Montana ACTE Institute, there were several sessions featured around the Common Core and Career and Technical Education detailing the work done by the schools and teachers who have been a part of Montana’s Rigorous Programs of Study grant.

Many of the resources presented related to math-in-CTE and literacy-in-CTE. The following is a link to a Box.com folder with all the resources presented as well as many others which have been developed:
<https://app.box.com/s/nwqu4x6da4c5k24muco0>.

2014 Montana Economics Challenge – Save the Date

The Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is pleased to announce the dates for the 2014 Montana Economics Challenge.

The 2014 Economics Challenge will be held in Helena on Monday, March 3, 2014.

For more information regarding the 2014 Montana Economics Challenge, please contact Rhonda Krieger at 800.823.4333, ext. 3964, or via email at Helena.MTChallenge@mpls.frb.org.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Grand Canyon National Park covers 277 miles of the Colorado River.

Yosemite National Park is home to the highest waterfall in the United State—Yosemite Falls with a vertical drop of 2,425 feet from the top of the upper fall to the base of the lower fall.

Mammoth Cave(Mammoth Cave National Park in western Kentucky) is the longest known cave in the world, with over 300 miles of explored passageways.

Mount Rainier in Washington is the highest volcano in the lower 48 with a summit elevation at 14,411 feet above sea level.

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