

The Wednesday Reader

January 11, 2012

Not to Worry, Aliens are not Holding Your Gap Analysis Spreadsheet Files Captive in Cyberspace

Prior to the Christmas break and again this week, many of the Gap Analysis spreadsheet files completed by the postsecondary faculty have been emailed out to partnering high school business and marketing educators.

Currently, there are still some Gap Analysis spreadsheet files needing to be completed by postsecondary faculty and emailed to me before they can be sent out to high school business and marketing educators.

Those still needing to be completed and/or sent to me are

- Flathead Valley Community College
 - All programs/pathways
- Montana State University-Billings College of Technology
 - Accounting program/pathway
 - Information Technology programs/pathways
- Montana State University-Northern
 - Business Technology program
- Montana Tech College of Technology
 - Information Technology programs/pathways
- University of Montana-Helena College of Technology
 - All programs/pathways

As soon as I receive the above Gap Analysis spreadsheets I will email them out to the appropriate high school business and marketing educators.

January 2012 Montana ACTE Newsletter Ready for You

The latest edition of the Montana Association for Career & Technical Education newsletter is available for all to download, read, and share.

The [January 2012 Montana ACTE Newsletter](#) can be downloaded from the Montana ACTE website, www.montanaacte.org.

Early-Bird Registration for 2012 WBEA Conference Ends in Four Days

January 15 is the deadline for submitting early-bird registrations for the [2012 Western Business Education Association \(WBEA\) Conference](#) in Newport Beach, California.

The [2012 WBEA Conference](#) will be February 16-20, at the [Fairmont Hotel, Newport Beach](#). The early-bird registration rate is \$230.00 for registrations received/postmarked by January 15 and \$330.00 for registrations received after January 15. Registration can be completed [online](#) or [download the registration form](#) and submit via postal mail.

Check out the [2012 Conference](#) page of the [WBEA website \(www.wbea.info\)](#) to view the entire agenda for all sessions, meals, and activities, FAQs about the hotel and conference, and even weather information.

Focus on Health Video Contest Deadline Draws Near

Calling all students enrolled in Montana K-12 schools! Are you interested in gaining notoriety and possibly a cash award for your school? Look no further. The **Focus on Health** video competition has arrived!

The Montana Team Nutrition Program is looking for student-made videos that feature examples of healthy eating, active living, and an overall healthy school environment. We are calling on students enrolled in K-12 Montana schools to take

part. Through this video contest, your school, organization, or club will have the opportunity to win a cash prize gain statewide recognition, and have your video featured at statewide events.

Videos can be about any school program that promotes student health and wellbeing through food and nutrition. These could include: improvements in the nutrition of foods available in school meals, healthy snack options (vending, concessions, student stores, etc.), Farm-to-School programs, increased opportunity for physical activity, expanded school breakfast programs and healthy school fundraising programs.

The video submission deadline is January 31, 2012.

For more information, official rules, and registration form, visit: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/FocusOnHealthVideoContest/>.

Questions can be directed to Aubree Durfey, Farm to School Assistant, Montana Team Nutrition at aubreedurfey@gmail.com or (406) 994-5640.

Turning BPA Trading Pins Into Scholarship Dollars—The Merit Group Scholarship Opportunity

Merit Group and WILDPINS.COM (the company who makes the Montana BPA NLC trading pins) are awarding numerous scholarships worth up to \$1000-\$2500 for tuition, books, computers, printers, or anything else to help recipients attend school and continue moving forward in each individual's life. Any student (or parent of a student) currently enrolled or will be enrolled the next school year in a trade-school, college, or university program is eligible to apply for the Merit Group Scholarship Program.

Who should apply?

Any student (or parent of a student) that is a legal resident of the United States and is currently enrolled or will be enrolled the next school year in a trade-school, college, or university program is eligible to apply for the Merit Scholarship Program.

When are scholarships awarded?

Merit Scholarships are awarded throughout the year. Scholarship applications must be received by the 1st of each month in order to be eligible for the scholarship awards for that month. Any application received after the 1st will be eligible for the following month for up to one year (after which you must reapply).

More details about the Merit Group Scholarship program and to apply visit http://themeritgroup.biz/page.php?cm=cmd_page&pageid=scholarship.

APPLY today as only a limited number of scholarships are awarded each month!

Calling All Shutterbugs—The Alaska Airlines & Horizon Airlines Magazine 2012 Photo Contest

Alaska Airlines Magazine and *Horizon Edition Magazine* are now accepting entries for our 2012 Photo Contest, and we invite you to give us your best shots. Whether you are an amateur or professional photographer, you may submit up to three images. Entries may include natural scenics, urban landscapes, wildlife shots or human-interest photos.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) entries—

First Prize

Two first-class tickets valid to any destination served by Alaska Airlines, including Alaska, the Lower 48, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii.

Second Prize

Two coach-class tickets valid to any destination served by Alaska Airlines, including Alaska, the Lower 48, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii.

Third Prize

Two coach-class tickets valid to any destination served by Alaska Airlines in the continental United States or Canada.

Entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2012.

In addition to awarding prizes for the top three photographs, the magazines will publish the top 10 finalists in the May 2012 issues.

For more details and to submit your photos visit http://www.paradigmcg.com/2012_Photo_Contest.pdf.

Looking For Some Information on the Importance of Career & Technical Education & CTE Courses?

The following is a link to the "Meeting the Challenges of Designing CTE Courses for the 21st Century" presentation from this year's Association for Career & Technical Education CTE Convention in St. Louis, Missouri:

http://www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Convention_11/files/Gene%20Bottoms,%20Leslie%20Carson%20-%20Meeting%20the%20Challenge%20of%20Designing%20CTE%20Courses%20for%20the%2021st%20Century.ppt

The presentation provides some excellent data and information in support of CTE and CTE courses.

Experience the History of Boston at the NBEA 2012 Annual Convention & Trade Show

The National Business Education Association's 2012 Annual Convention & Trade Show will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, April 3-7, 2012. With over 70 concurrent sessions, 26 technology workshops, three general sessions, a trade show, and numerous networking opportunities, you can't afford to miss the largest educational convention devoted to business education.

Visit www.nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention for registration and housing information. Early-bird registration ends March 14.

MCEE Presents Introduction To Economic Learning Modules (ELMs)—Plus!

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](http://www.montana.edu/economic) announces an Economic Ed Seminar to be held February in Missoula.

Introduction to Economic Learning Modules (ELMs)—Plus! Is a workshop for Social Studies, Math, Accounting, Economics, and Business Teachers in Missoula at the Wingate Inn, February 9-10, 2012.

The Seminar will offer attendees either [High School Business Challenge](#) training or Inventing and [Stock Market Game](#) training as well as [Economic Learning Modules \(ELMs\)](#) training on the Scarcity/Opportunity Costs, Exchange and Trade, Prices, Supply and Demand, and Market Equilibrium ELMs.

Attendees can earn four (4) OPI Renewal Units for participating in either the [High School Business Challenge](#) training or Inventing and [Stock Market Game](#) training and eight (8) OPI Renewal Units for participating in the [Economic Learning Modules](#) training.

Seminar, materials, sleeping rooms, substitutes, and OPI renewal units are provided by MCEE at no cost to teachers. For more information or to register, visit the [Montana Council on Economic Education](http://www.montana.edu/economic) website at www.econedmontana.org. Registrations must be received by February

Next Steps Workshop Follow-Up—The Who, What, & When of Submitting Pathways-Related Materials for the 2011-2012 School Year

The eight Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops have been completed. During the workshops, both secondary and postsecondary attendees began the Gap Analysis process by comparing the coursework of their Pathway courses with the Cluster- and Pathway-level Knowledge and Skills Statements from the National Career Clusters (www.careertech.org). The Gap Analysis seeks to provide documentation the various knowledge and skills of a pathway are being covered within the Pathway's coursework at either the secondary or postsecondary level, and in some cases both.

Below is the timeline and procedures outlining this year's submittal, review, and approval process.

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| Friday, December 2, 2011 | Postsecondary Faculty submit Gap Analysis information to OPI Specialists |
| Friday, February 3, 2012 | High Schools submit to Postsecondary Partner with High School CTE Teacher, Counselor, & Principal Review signature |

Friday, March 2, 2012	Postsecondary Partner submits to OPI Specialist with College Lead Faculty and Chief Academic Officer Review Signatures
Friday, April 6, 2012	OPI Specialist submits to OCHE for review and approval
Friday, May 4, 2012	Agreement form returned to Secondary and Postsecondary schools with OCHE Deputy Commissioner Review and Approval

The Approval for this year has been modified/updated from the form used last year so be sure to use the new form (dated October 2011). When submitting for approval this year, please include the following materials/documents:

- Completed Pathway Template if developing a new Pathway or revising/updating your approved Pathway from last year (if not developing a new or revising/updating last year's Pathway, then you will just need to submit last year's Pathway as is)
- Completed Gap Analysis
- [2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form](#)

The [Request for Big Sky Pathway Approval form](#) to be submitted can be downloaded from the Big Sky Pathways page of the CTE section of the OPI website: http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3.

Submitting Big Sky Pathways & Postsecondary Coordinator Point of Contacts Information

This year, the necessary documents/materials needed for Big Sky Pathway/Gap Analysis review and approval are to be submitted electronically to each postsecondary partner's Big Sky Pathway Point of Contact. Below is the listing of the contact person and email address for each partnering postsecondary institution.

Postsecondary Partner	Big Sky Pathway Coordinator	E-mail Address
Dawson Community College	Jim Cargill, DCC President	jcargill@dawson.edu
Flathead Valley Community College	Jeremy Fritz	jfritz@fvcc.edu
Fort Peck Community College	Craig Smith	csmith@fpcc.edu
Gallatin College Programs	Nicole Berg	nicole.berg@montana.edu
Miles Community College	Shelly Weight	weights@milesc.edu
MSU-Billings COT	Tammy Miller	tmiller@msubillings.edu
MSU-Great Falls COT	Heidi Pasek	hpasek@msugf.edu
MSU-Northern	Larry Strizich	strizich@msun.edu
Montana Tech COT	Denise Peterson-Elakovich	DPetersonElakovich@mtech.edu
UM-Helena COT	Jennifer Shade	jennifer.schade@umhelena.edu
UM-Missoula COT	Kevin Brockbank	Kevin.Brockbank2@mso.umt.edu

When preparing to submit this year's work for approval, please be sure to have the following three (3) items completed:

- The completed Pathway Template if developing a new Pathway or revising/updating your approved Pathway from last year (if not developing a new or revising/updating last year's Pathway, then you will just need to submit last year's Pathway as-is)
 - If developing a new Pathway or revising the Pathway approved last year, please use the new [Big Sky Pathways Proposal Templates](#) which can be downloaded from the OPI website at http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_3
- The completed Gap Analysis spreadsheet with the data for the High School and Postsecondary courses

Remember: Gap Analysis spreadsheets must include the combined Postsecondary Gap Analysis data with your High School data
- The [2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form](#)
 - The [2012-2013 Completed Agreement Form](#) can be download from the OPI website at http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/BSP/12_13BSPApproval.pdf

- Remember, the Approval/Agreement Form for this year has been modified/updated from the form used last year so be sure to use the new form (dated October 2011)

The target date to have all your Big Sky Pathways work completed and submitted for this year is Friday, February 3, 2012.

Lastly, just a reminder your course descriptions will continue to be submitted when you complete your Participation Reports in the Spring.

[Links to the Big Sky Pathways Gap Analysis Templates & Pathway Proposal Templates](#)

During the Big Sky Pathways Next Steps Workshops attendees are provided with hard copies of the pathway-specific Gap Analysis templates and copies of the new Big Sky Pathway Proposal Template.

Both of these items are also available in electronic format and can be downloaded for completion and submission.

The Gap Analysis worksheets can be found on OCHE's Workforce Development page at <http://mus.edu/wd/Assets/BigSkyPathways/BSPGap.asp>. The worksheets are grouped by Career Cluster so please be sure to download the worksheet for your Pathway's program of study.

Should wish to submit a new Pathway, or revise one created last year, the Big Sky Pathway Proposal Templates can be found on the [Big Sky Pathways page](#) of the Secondary CTE section on the OPI website at http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#p7GPc1_3.

If you are not sure which Gap Analysis worksheet(s) and/or Big Sky Pathway Proposal Template(s) to use, just give me a holler.

[Information on Montana's Statewide Articulations](#)

Information about the [Statewide Articulation \(START\) agreements](#) and end-of-course assessments can be found on Workforce Development page of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) website at <http://mus.edu/wd/START.asp>.

Here you find the details about the various [Statewide Articulations \(START\)](#) discussed during the Big Sky Pathways meetings this fall as well as the form to register with OCHE as an instructor wanting to provide students with the opportunity to gain the START college credits.

Each START agreement provides details pertaining to the course outcomes, assessment procedures, assessment registration information (if applicable), and the awarded of earned credit(s).

Within Business and Marketing Education there are eight (8) START agreements—

- ACTG 101 Accounting Procedures I
- CAPP 120 Introduction to Computers
- CAPP 154 Microsoft Word
- CAPP 156 Microsoft Excel
- ITS 140 Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA): Discovery 1
- ITS 142 Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA): Discovery 2
- ITS 150 Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA): Exploration 1
- ITS 140 Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA): Exploration 2

Students who complete the coursework at the high school level can take the assessment identified within each START agreement and be eligible to gain college credit from a participating postsecondary institution should they pass the assessment.

In order to receive the credit(s), students must complete one academic term at a postsecondary institution where the course is offered. After students successfully complete the academic term, the earned START credit(s) will then be awarded and the grade of "Pass" will appear on the transcript.

Please note: If a student enrolls with a postsecondary institution where the course is not offered then the credit(s) cannot be awarded. For example, if a student passes the ACTG 101 Accounting Procedures I assessment and enrolls with MSU-Bozeman, the START credits cannot be awarded as ACTG 101 Accounting Procedure I is not a course offered by MSU-Bozeman.

Participation in the Statewide Articulation process is at the discretion of local school district and/or classroom teacher and is not a requirement for Perkins and/or State Career and Vocational/Technical funding nor required for Big Sky Pathway approval.

Career Clusters: The New Website/URL

The Career Clusters Website has been incorporated into the site for the National Association for State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEC) and the new URL is www.careertech.org.

Information about Career Clusters can be found under the Career Cluster button. The [Career Cluster page](http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/) (<http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/>) offers direct access to a wide-range of Career Cluster-related resources including the Knowledge and Skills Charts and Statements.

Within the realm of Business and Marketing Education, our Clusters and Pathways fall under the [Business Management & Administration](#), [Finance](#), [Information Technology](#), and [Marketing](#) cluster.

On This Day in History . . .

January 11

- 1908: U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt declares the massive Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona a national monument; the Grand Canyon became a national park in 1919
- 1973: The owners of America's 24 major league baseball teams vote to allow AL teams to use a "designated pinch-hitter"
- 1975: Led Zeppelin play *Kashmir* live for the first time during a gig at the Ahoy in Rotterdam

January 12

- 1932: Ophelia Wyatt Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, becomes the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate
- 1966: *Batman* premieres on NBC, starring Adam West and Burt Ward
- 1969: In the most celebrated performance of his prolific career, quarterback "Broadway" Joe Namath leads the New York Jets to a stunning 16-7 victory over the heavily favored Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III, played in Miami
- 1981: *Dynasty* premieres on ABC
- 2005: Green Day's *American Idiot* returns to the top of the U.S. album charts

January 13

- 1794: The Flag Act of 1794 was signed into law by President George Washington changing the design of the flag to accommodate the admission into the Union of the states of Vermont and Kentucky providing 15 stars and 15 stripes
- 1962: Chubby Checker tops the singles charts with *The Twist*

January 14

- 1639: In Hartford, Connecticut, the first constitution in the American colonies, the "Fundamental Orders," is adopted by representatives of Wethersfield, Windsor, and Hartford
- 1784: The Continental Congress ratifies the Second Treaty of Paris, ending the War for Independence
- 1942: 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issues Presidential Proclamation No. 2537, requiring aliens from World War II-enemy countries—Italy, Germany and Japan—to register with the United States Department of Justice; a follow-up to the Alien Registration Act of 1940, Proclamation No. 2537 facilitated the beginning of full-scale internment of Japanese Americans the following month
- 1954: Marilyn Monroe marries Joe DiMaggio
- 1973: Around a billion people are believed to have watched the satellite transmission of Elvis' live concert in Hawaii which become the taped special *Elvis: Aloha From Hawaii*

January 15

1929: Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia

1967: The Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 in the first Super Bowl; the game was played in the LA Coliseum

1970: Muammar al-Qaddafi, the young Libyan army captain who deposed King Idris in September 1969, is proclaimed premier of Libya

1972: Don McLean's *American Pie* hits No. 1 on the US pop charts

January 16

1547: Ivan the Terrible is crowned as Russia's first Czar; Czar is the Russian word for Caesar

1919: The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified on this day in 1919 and "prohibition" becomes the law of the land

1965: The Supremes' "Come See About Me" knocks the Beatles' "I Feel Fine" off the No. 1 spot in the U.S.

1991: At midnight in Iraq, the United Nations deadline for the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait expires, and the Pentagon prepares to commence offensive operations to forcibly eject Iraq from its five-month occupation of Kuwait, thus beginning the Persian Gulf War

January 17

1945: Polish and Russian forces liberate the Polish capital, Warsaw, from the Nazis

1953: A prototype Chevrolet Corvette sports car makes its debut at General Motors' Motorama auto show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City

1969: Led Zeppelin's self-titled debut is released in the United States

State BPA Conference Registration Now Open

The Online Conference Registration System for the 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference opened Monday, January 9. The 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference will be held March 11-13 in Billings.

To access the 2012 Montana BPA SLC online registration, log on to <http://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/>, click on 'Leadership Conference Registration Log In' and enter your chapter advisor username and password (the same one you used to register for dues), and from the list select the 2012 Montana State Conference—*Secondary* or *Postsecondary*.

The registration fee for the 2012 State Leadership Conference is \$45.00. This fee includes a conference T-shirt, Monday's lunch, Monday night's dance, Tuesday morning advisors' breakfast, top notch keynote address, and use of conference facilities. All students, advisors, and chaperones must pay the registration fee to attend the conference. Each chapter must complete the registration form and register for competitive events online by February 7, 2012.

State Leadership Conference registration is due February 7, 2012. There will be no refunds for cancellations. Registrations received after February 7 **WILL NOT** receive T-shirts as part of the registration fee. The late Registration Rate is \$60 for any chapter submitting its registration materials after February 7

State Leadership Conference registration is directly linked to national/state membership. Students and advisors must be registered members with Nationals before they can be registered as a state conference competitor or attendee.

Montana BPA State Leadership Conference Dates to Note

January 27

- Corporate Sponsor information due to Anza Ketterman, Executive Secretary

February 7

- State Conference Registration Due via the [Online Conference Registration System](#)
- State Competitive Event Presubmission Materials Submitted via the [Judged Events Pre-Submission System](#)
- State Competitive Event Software Needs Emailed to Julie O'Dell, Competitive Events Coordinator
- Statesman Torch Award Résumés Completed and Submitted for Review via the [Torch Awards Online System](#)
- State Officer Candidate Materials Postmarked to Eric Swenson, State Advisor

- Montana BPA Scholarship Applications Postmarked to Eric Swenson, State Advisor
- State Conference Intern Applications Submitted to Eric Swenson, State Advisor

February 8

- Deadline for Making Holiday Inn Reservations & Submitting Rooming Lists
Use booking code "BPA" to get the conference rate

February 24

- Silver Star Award Application Materials Postmarked to Eric Swenson, State Advisor

February 24

- Last Day for Event Drops/Registration Changes

February 27

- Deadline for Making Billings Hotel Reservations & Submitting Rooming Lists
Use booking code "BPA12" to get the conference rate

March 11-13

- 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference, Billings

Judge Judy, Judge Wapner, Judge Joe Brown . . . Molly is Looking for Judges

Molly Barta is looking for judges. Our 2012 State Leadership Conference Judged Events Recruiter is now accepting names and contact information for individuals who would be interested in volunteering to judge for the State BPA conference.

If you have names and emails of potential judges, please send them to Molly at bartam@billingsschools.org.

Montana BPA Winter 2011 Newsletter Available on the Montana BPA Website

The Montana BPA State Officers have finished the [Winter 2011 Montana BPA Newsletter](#) and it is now available for downloading and sharing on the [Montana BPA website, wwwbpamt.org](http://wwwbpamt.org).

The Winter 2011 issue includes a calendar of Montana BPA events, details about running for a state office, ideas for fundraising, information about the 2012 State Leadership Conference keynote, the announcement and specifics relating to the proposed amendments to the Montana BPA Constitution, as well as articles about Forsyth High School's Brooke Channel winning the National Organization for Youth Safety logo contest, the Montana BPA Spirit of Professionalism award, MSU College of Business's Entrepreneurship Day, Rocky Mountain College's BPA Day, and writing scholarship essays.

Visit wwwbpamt.org today and download the [Winter 2011 Montana BPA Newsletter](#) and share it with your chapter members and school administrators today.

Printing for Desktop Publishing Clarification—Black & White or Color?

The Regional-level test for Desktop Publishing states color printing is allowed and instructs competitors to save their work as PDF files to a supplied flash drive; this is incorrect. Desktop Publishing at the National Leadership Conference, as well as the 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference, will be printed and evaluated as Black and White only, and will not be saved as PDF files to a supplied flash drive.

During the Summer meeting of the Classroom Educators Advisory Council (CEAC) they approved the change to allow for judged of Desktop Publishing be done in color with the idea students would save their finished production jobs to flash drives and their work scored from the electronic submissions. This idea, however, was rejected by the national Programs committee and the Board of Trustees.

Therefore, Desktop Publishing will continue to be printed Black and White at national level, as well as at the state level for Montana. The National Center has been informed of this discrepancy and should have the corrections made prior to the release and printing of state and national tests.

Computer Accounting Company Setup Information Now on BPA Website

Just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, BPA published the company setup information for Computerized Accounting.

The setup file was E-mailed out to all regional coordinators and is also available on the BPA website, www.bpa.org.

The Computerized Accounting setup information was included as an Appendix to the Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP). Advisors can go the [BPA Download Center \(http://www.bpa.org/compete/eventdownload\)](http://www.bpa.org/compete/eventdownload) and get the latest WSAP. The Computerized Accounting company setup information is in the back on Pages 185-187.

Whitefish DECA Chapter Receives National Recognition

Congratulations to Whitefish DECA and Jeremy Anderson, Chapter Advisor, for reaching the Peak Level in the 2011-2012 DECA Membership Campaign.

In order to reach this level, Whitefish DECA had to recruit at least 12 new members into their chapter. This is an outstanding accomplishment and one reached by less than 125 high schools across the country!!

The New Year is Off to a Busy Start for Montana DECA

Montana DECA is gearing up for the 2012 Montana DECA State Conference, February 12-14 in Helena! There are lots of dates and deadlines coming up in the next few weeks for Chapter Advisors. If there are any questions about any of the dates and deadlines, please let Erin Weisgerber (erinweisgerber@yahoo.com) right away.

January 13

- State Conference Registration due to Erin Weisgerber
- State Conference Hotel lists due to the Red Lion
- Montana DECA Membership Registration AND Payment deadline
- School Based Enterprises Submission and Recertification deadline (<http://www.deca.org/sbe/certification/>)

January 20

- DECA Scholarship Deadline (<http://www.deca.org/scholarships>)

January 27

- Written Events due to the Montana DECA P.O. Box (NOT postmarked!!)

February 3

- Last day for Competitive Event Changes (drop charges apply for any changes after this date)

Past issues of the 2011-2012 school year's Wednesday Reader are now archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at www.mbea.info. The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.

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