

The Wednesday Reader

May 9, 2012

The last Wednesday Reader of the 2011-2012 school year will be next week—Wednesday, May 16.

Be Sure to Receive OPI Renewal Units for Attending Workshops and Conferences Over the Summer

If you are planning to attend a professional development event, workshop, or conference this over the summer either in-state or out-of-state and they are not offering OPI Renewal Units, be sure to get OPI Renewal Units for these events.

The Educator Licensure division of the Office of Public Instruction will grant renewal units for certificate renewal when a Montana educator wishes to receive renewal units for attending an event not either delivered by an approved OPI provider or approved by OPI as a single event. To gain the renewal units, you must complete the [Educator's Application for Prior Approval of Professional Development Activities for Renewal Units](#) form.

The fillable PDF [Pre-Approval form](#) can be downloaded from the [Renewal Applications—Educators page](#) of the [Educator Licensure section](#) of the OPI website, www.opi.mt.gov.

After you download the form, complete the required educator information and information about the course, conference, workshop, event or seminar. To determine the number of number of renewal units requested, most event documentation states the number of contact hours, the number of credits granted (1 semester credit=15 hours/units and 1 quarter credit=10 hours/units); or the number of credit hours granted by another education-related agency. Remember, units are awarded in whole hours—1 hour=1 unit; 1.5 hours=1 unit; 1.75 hours=2 units. The completed form and a copy of the documentation, brochure, or promotional materials about the event need to be mailed to the address indicated on the form and be received at least seven (7) days prior to the event's start.

When the event is completed, submit documentation of your participation (most likely a certificate of completion including the number of contact hours) and a copy of your approval letter from the OPI and OPI will send you an official certificate. The certificate should be filed with your renewal unit certificates and college transcripts to be used as evidence when you apply for renewal of your Educator License.

Please keep in mind, if you have applied to receive college credit for the event, you cannot request approval for renewal units.

Should you have questions about the preapproval process, you may call or contact the Educator Licensure office at 406.444.3150.

Attend an International Conference Without Needing a Passport

The 84th International SIEC/ISBE conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 29-August 3, 2012. The conference theme will be "Mile High and Worldwide—International Business Education."

The 84th International SIEC/ISBE conference will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver (\$139.00 single/double) and [registration](#) includes all events listed in the [program](#), Monday lunch, Tuesday's Mystery Dinner, and Friday's Farewell Dinner. Expenses for accommodations, flights, pre- or post- conference tours, souvenirs, or any extras are not covered by the registration fee. The early-bird registration deadline is June 30.

Information regarding registration fees, hotel accommodations, and program offerings is available on the U.S. Chapter of ISBE web site (<http://www.isbeusa.org/conferences/upcoming.html>).

NBEA 2013 Annual Convention Call for Proposals

The National Business Education Association (NBEA) Convention Program Committee invites business educators to submit proposals for presentations to be given at the National Business Education Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on April 16-20, 2013.

Proposals must be received by June 14, 2012. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee acceptance of a presentation.

For complete details on session topics and proposal requirements, please [click here](#).

[2012 National Career Clusters Institute: Setting a New Standard](#)

Washington, DC, plays host to the [2012 National Career Clusters Institute](#) June 18-20 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Setting a New Standard is the theme of this exciting event, which brings together educators from middle school, secondary, and postsecondary levels, school counseling, state education leadership, along with workforce development, business and industry experts, and economic development representatives to gain insight, hear strategies, and plan efforts for coordinating the implementation of aligned educational delivery in communities and states.

Highlights for the [2012 National Career Clusters Institute](#) include the latest release of the validated Career Clusters knowledge and skills statements, green/sustainability knowledge and skills, updated Career Clusters crosswalks, and insight into the Common Career Technical Core.

The Early-bird registration rate is \$525 if paid by May 11. Visit www.careertech.org/news-events/institute/overview.html for complete registration, lodging, and program of events details.

The 2012 National Career Clusters Institute is an annual summer event offering a range of seminars and workshops highlighting model CTE programs across the country aligned to the National Career Clusters Framework. Sessions and workshops cover timely subjects ranging from energy-focused programs of study to cross-curricular collaboration to programs of study and other important leading-edge approaches to teaching, learning, and assessment.

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[Public Comments for the Common Career Technical Core Ends Friday, May 11](#)

The opportunity for the public to comment on the Common Career Technical Core (CCTC), a shared set of rigorous, high-quality Career Technical Education (CTE) standards developed and validated by business, industry and education experts, begins today.

[The public comment period will run April 30-May 11, 2012](#) and all CTE stakeholders, including business and industry, educators, parents, and students are urged to participate in this process.

The public comment period is an opportunity for CTE stakeholders to participate in the development process of the CCTC, which is intended to help ensure all CTE students have access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused learning opportunities in every state, and every community across the nation. The CCTC will complement and support other comprehensive college and career ready standards, such as the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The CCTC initiative is being facilitated by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Consortium (NASDCTEc).

Forty-two states have declared support for the development of the CCTC. Each of the 42 states; Washington, DC and Palau nominated experts from a range of sectors—from business and industry to education—to participate in working groups charged with the development of the CCTC in the spring of 2012.

Once the public comment period ends on May 11, 2012 the state-nominated working groups will review the public feedback and finalize the standards. The final standards are slated for public release at the [National Career Clusters™ Institute](#) on June 19, 2012. [Provide public comment on the CCTC today.](#)

For more information, contact Dean Folkers, Deputy Executive Director, dfolkers@careertech.org.

MCEE's 2012 Summer Workshop ECNS 594: Current Economic Issues Registration Open

The Montana Council on Economic Education is not accepting registrations for the ECNS 594: Current Economic Issues summer workshop. The ECNS 594 workshop will be held June 13-15 on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman in Linfiled Hall. Registration for the three-day professional development opportunity is \$50.00 and must be paid by Friday, May 25.

The 2012 ECNS 594: Current Economic Issues is a great learning opportunity to enable you to incorporate economic learning in your classes in a more enjoyable and effective manner. Topics offered include

- Scams, Fraud & Unlicensed Lending
- Public Debt
- How Much Money Does it Take to Be Rich in the U.S.?
- Why do Men Earn More than Women?
- Market Failures and the Fable of Bees
- Field trip to Buffalo Jump

Sessions will be taught by faculty from MSU Department of Ag Econ/Econ, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Division of Banking & Financial Institutions, and others.

Participants receive 22 (OPI) Certificate Renewal Units or one (1) 500-level MSU college credit awarded at completion (500-level MSU Credit cost is \$133.25, paid for by participant).

For more details, including the registration form and schedule, please visit www.econedmontana.org.

Early-Bird Registration for 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Ends Next Week

Registration for the 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology opened Monday, April 16. MSU-Great Falls College of Technology again hosts the 2012 MIET June 18-22. Early-bird registration ends Friday, May 18.

Registration rates, renewal unit/college credit, and other MIET-related details can be found at http://outreach.msugf.edu/MIET_web/index.html.

On This Day in History . . .

May 9

- 1887: Buffalo Bill's Wild West show opens in London, giving Queen Victoria and her subjects their first look at real cowboys and Indians
- 1914: President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially establishes the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers.
- 1970: Guess Who started a three-week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *American Woman*
- 1971: The last original episode of the sitcom *The Honeymooners*, starring Jackie Gleason as Brooklyn bus driver Ralph Kramden, airs.

May 10

- 1869: Transcontinental railroad completed as the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line connecting their railroads
- 1877: President Rutherford B. Hayes has the White House's first telephone installed in the mansion's telegraph room
- 1940: Winston Churchill becomes British prime minister

- 1986: The Pet Shop Boys went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *West End Girls*
1991: Madonna's documentary film *Truth Or Dare in bed with Madonna* premiered in Los Angeles
1994: In South Africa, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela is sworn in as the first black president of South Africa

May 11

- 1858: Minnesota enters the Union as the 32nd state on May 11, 1858.
1947: the B.F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio, announces it has developed a tubeless tire, a technological innovation that would make automobiles safer and more efficient
1974: Led Zeppelin attends the Elvis Presley show at the Los Angeles Forum in California and after a shaky start to the show, Elvis stopped the band and jokingly said: 'Wait a minute' if we can start together fellas, because we've got Led Zeppelin out there, let's try to look like we know what we're doing.'

May 12

- 1903: President Theodore Roosevelt's trip to San Francisco is captured on moving-picture film, making him the first president to have an official activity recorded in that medium
1949: an early crisis of the Cold War comes to an end when the Soviet Union lifts its 11-month blockade against West Berlin as a result of a massive U.S.-British airlift of vital supplies to West Berlin's two million citizens
1973 Led Zeppelin started a three week run at No.1 on the US album chart with *Houses Of The Holy*, the group's third US No. 1
2008: Singer-songwriter Neil Young had a spider named after him when U.S. university biologist Jason Bond discovered a new species of trapdoor spider and decided to name it after his favorite musician: *Myrmekiaphila neilyoungi*

May 13

- 1607: Some 100 English colonists arrive along the west bank of the James River in Virginia to found Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America
1846: The U.S. Congress overwhelmingly votes in favor of President James K. Polk's request to declare war on Mexico in a dispute over Texas
1970: The world premiere of The Beatles film *Let It Be* took place in New York City

May 14

- 1796: Edward Jenner, an English country doctor from Gloucestershire, administers the world's first vaccination as a preventive treatment for smallpox
1804: One year after the United States doubled its territory with the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition leaves St. Louis, Missouri, on a mission to explore the Northwest from the Mississippi River to the Pacific
1904: The Third Olympiad of the modern era, and the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States, opens in St. Louis, Missouri
1993: During an auction at Christies in London the acoustic guitar that Elvis Presley used to make his first recordings in 1954, *That's All Right Mama* and *Blue Moon of Kentucky* sold for \$152,000

May 15

- 1756: The Seven Years War, a global conflict known in America as the French and Indian War, officially begins when England declares war on France
1800: President John Adams orders the federal government to pack up and leave Philadelphia and set up shop in the nation's new capital in Washington, D.C.
1942: A bill establishing a women's corps in the U.S. Army becomes law, creating the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) and granting women official military status
1973: California Angel Nolan Ryan strikes out 12 Kansas City Royals and walks three to pitch the first no-hitter of his career
1982: Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney started a seven week run at No. 1 on the US singles chart with *Ebony And Ivory*

2012-2013 Montana DECA Student Board of Directors Announced

Montana DECA would like to congratulate the recently selected 2012-2013 State Officers.

The new officers are:

- Tanner Block - Sentinel High School
- Katlyn Finafrock - Capital High School
- Taylor Hoyer - Belt High School

- Madyson Rigg - Glacier High School
- Jackson Smith - Sentinel High School
- Devon Zander - Glacier High School

The first officer meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 in Helena. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals!!

Montana DECA "Aspire Higher" at 2012 ICDC

A delegation of approximately 160 students and advisors just returned from a trip to Salt Lake City, UT for the DECA International Career Development Conference.

The conference was a fantastic success! Montana DECA had four finalists, including; Hailey Vasquez from Whitefish High School, Devon Zander from Glacier High School, Dac Cederberg from Sentinel High School and Gwen Lockman from Sentinel High School.

In addition, both Hailey Vasquez and Dac Cederberg boasted Top 10 Finishes in the nation.

Congratulations to these students and their success!!

BPA National Leadership Conference Post-Conference Survey Open

Business Professionals of America is asking all advisors, students, and guests who attended the 2012 National Leadership Conference in Chicago last month to complete the Post-Conference Survey.

The survey can be completed online at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FKKPOFMU7/>.

Your time, effort and feedback is essential to the success of BPA.

NLC 2012 Post-Conference Links

The BPA website has a series of [post-conference links](#) including the post-conference survey, WSAP rankings, a listing of all Ambassador, BPA Cares, non-student, and Quality Chapter Distinction awards, NLC 2012 participation template, and the online recommendation form.

To see the complete list of [post-conference links](#) please go to <http://www.bpa.org/news/n/1002>

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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