

## **The Wednesday Reader**

### ***November 7, 2012***

Please note with the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a Wednesday Reader Wednesday, November 21.

#### **MCEE Learning, Earning, and Investing for a New Generation Workshop in Lewistown**

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) announces a Learning, Earning and Investing (LEI) workshop preceded by the High School Business Challenge Training to be held in Lewistown on January 31-February 1.

Registration and more details are available at [http://econedmontana.org/LEI/LEI\\_Registration.html](http://econedmontana.org/LEI/LEI_Registration.html).

The workshop will begin with a hosted lunch on Thursday noon, January 31, with sessions until 5:00, and dinner on your own. The workshop resumes with a hosted breakfast Friday morning at 7:30, and sessions will conclude at noon. The LEI workshop will be filed for eight OPI units.

Attendees will receive a book containing 21 lesson plans, resources by the presenters, reimbursement for substitute teachers (2 days max), shared motel rooms, and meals as indicated.

For those interested, a four-hour training on the High School Business Challenge will precede the LEI workshop on Thursday, January 31 from 8am-12pm (five minimum pre-registrants by January 11 required). The High School Business Challenge training will be filed for four OPI units.

For more details about the Learning, Earning and Investing workshop or the High School Business Challenge, please visit the [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) website at [www.econedmontana.edu](http://www.econedmontana.edu).

#### **National Business Education Association Scholarships to be Awarded**

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year to individuals pursuing continuing education or graduate study in business education. The scholarships will recognize and support educators who have given evidence of leadership and scholarship potential in the field of business education.

The NBEA Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to outstanding individuals for the purpose of continuing their study and professional development in business education. To be eligible for an NBEA scholarship, an applicant must

- Be enrolled in a college or university post-baccalaureate or graduate-level program and submit proof of enrollment.
- Be enrolled in a business education program and/or other related areas in business.
- Submit proof of completion of at least two graduate courses (six semester hours).
- Submit a one-page letter describing (a) past contributions to the field of business education, (b) plans to utilize the degree in the future, (c) two or three significant issues in business education, and (d) why the applicant should be the recipient of the award.
- Submit a current resume.
- Submit two letters of recommendation attesting to the scholarship/leadership potential of the applicant.
- Be currently teaching and plan to continue to teach in the field of business education.
- Be a current professional member of NBEA at the time of application (a minimum of one full year of NBEA membership is required).

Additional copies of the application form are available from NABTE institutions or from NBEA headquarters. Application forms should be completed and sent to the NBEA office, postmarked no later than **December 1, 2012**. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the NBEA website at <http://bit.ly/UwDYir>.

An anonymous selection committee, made up of representatives from each of NBEA's five regions, will evaluate the applications and identify the winners. Scholarship winners will be introduced during the NBEA awards luncheon on Friday, April 19, at the NBEA 2013 Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Adobe Products Looking for a Good Home**

Alane Dinsdale, Broadwater High School in Townsend, recently updated her Adobe software and has a collection of Adobe software and a nice set classroom textbooks looking for a new classroom in which they could be utilized.

The software is version CS3 and includes InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and Acrobat 9 for Windows and Mac.

If interested, please contact Alane for more details at [adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us](mailto:adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us) or at 406.441.3436.

### **2012-2103 School Year State CTE (VoEd) Allocations Available**

The FY2013 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd Allocations) have been finalized and will be automatically deposited with your county treasurer on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

The Payment Report is posted both on the *Payments to Schools & Co-Ops* AND *Secondary CTE* pages of the OPI web site. The following link will take you directly to the FY2013 State VoEd Payment Report:

[http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1\\_4](http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4).

State CTE (VoEd) allocations are based on a formula that factors:

1. Student enrollment in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for properly endorsed career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chapters and student membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment, extended contract and CTSO information comes from the 'Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports' your district submits to our office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Only CTE programs that meet the general guidelines in the Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education are included in the CTE enrollment factor. Enrollment calculations are based on Montana Accreditation Standard 10.55.906 which defines a credit as 225 minutes per week for one year.

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of approved uses of state CTE funds are: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies and/or instructional equipment used in an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and leasing of instructional equipment for an approved CTE program.

## Western Business Education Association Educational Opportunity Scholarship

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Educational Opportunity Scholarship is provided to help offset tuition costs for educators who are pursuing an advanced degree to support teaching in the area of Business Education. The amount of the yearly scholarship is determined each year according to availability of funds. The application is attached to this e-mail.

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- be a current member of an S/T/P and a member of WBEA/NBEA
- be currently engaged in the business/computer education profession in the Western Region
- register for and pass a credit class with a “C” grade or better, or register for and complete a non-credit class.
- provide proof of payment and a grade sheet or unofficial transcript upon completion of the class to the Professional Development Director

The WBEA Educational Opportunity Scholarship application and submission details can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/eos.html>.

## 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) and the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) are pleased to announce the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will be held February 15, 2012 in Ogden, Utah.

The responsibility of nurturing business educators by providing leadership training opportunities is an integral part of the Strategic Plans of the National Business Education Association (NBEA), WBEA, and your States, Territories, & Province (S/T/P) associations. With this goal in mind, WBEA has provided the Professional Development Institute (PDI) at the regional conference for the past thirteen years. Each S/T/P may nominate two candidates to participate in PDI. The candidates selected should be willing to accept a future leadership role in the S/T/P and/or WBEA. The candidates **SHOULD NOT BE** a current S/T/P president or president elect as they will be busy with other activities during the training.

WBEA will reimburse one-half of the WBEA Conference registration fee for two candidates from each S/T/P provided they are members of NBEA/WBEA. The reimbursement will be paid directly to the participants after the training is completed. The other one half of the WBEA Conference registration fee MAY BE paid by the participant’s S/T/P. Additional representatives from the S/T/Ps may attend the Institute, but WBEA will reimburse the partial registration for only two.

Montana business educators interested in participating in the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will need to complete the application and submit to MBEA President Scott Anderson by December 1, 2013. The application can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html>. The completed application must be submitted via E-mail to Scott at [andersons@baker.k12.mt.us](mailto:andersons@baker.k12.mt.us).

While your basic WBEA Conference registration fee will be reimbursed, other expenses related to attending the 2013 WBEA Conference are the responsibility of the attendee. These expenses are allowable and permissible uses of your Perkins and State CTE funds.

## **Registration Open for the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference**

This Utah Business and Computer Education Association is hosting the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference. This 2013 WBEA Conference will take place February 15-18 in Ogden, Utah.

Registration for the conference is now open and can be completed at on the WBEA website ([www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info)) or directly on the 2013 Conference page at [www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html](http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html).

Also on the WBEA 2013 Regional Conference page you can also download a copy of the Call for Presentations, the conference informational flyer, and details about tours, lodging, and computer workshops.

Remember, professional development is an allowable expense for Perkins and state CTE funds.

## **Have You Found & Reported the Status of Your 2011-2012 CTE Concentrators?**

The fall CTE data collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2012. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection.

Students identified last year as CTE Concentrators and who also graduated in the spring of 2012 must be contacted between October 1 and December 31. After contacting them, their current post-graduation status must be entered into the AIM Infinite Campus data system. All high schools that receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up data collection.

Instructions for completing the fall CTE data collection are located on the OPI [Secondary CTE](#) web page under the 'Data Collections' tab and located at [http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6).

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2012, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or e-mail [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov). Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

## **Did you know ...**

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

the opposite sides of a dice always adds up to 7

the WD in WD-40 stands for Water Displacer

the Eiffel Tower has 1,792 steps

Hawaii is the only US state that grows coffee

Peru has more pyramids than Egypt

Christmas trees originated from Germany

### **The Clock is Ticking . . . Montana BPA Program Cover & T-Shirt Design Contests End Dec. 1**

December 1 is the due date for all entries for the Montana BPA [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) contests.

All entries must adhere to the [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) guidelines; entries not following the guidelines will be disqualified.

Please visit the [Advisor Manual](#) section of the [Montana BPA](#) website for additional details and specifics for the contests.

### **Are Your Students Preparing For Regionals? Regional Conferences Quickly Approaching**

In just over four weeks, the 2012-2013 Montana BPA Regional Leadership Conference Season begins as Region 7 kicks things off on Monday, December 3.

The following is a listing of Regional Leadership Conference dates, locations, and contacts.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Region 1	January 14	Flathead Valley CC	Ron Hanson	<a href="mailto:ron.hanson@ronank12.edu">ron.hanson@ronank12.edu</a>
Region 2	January 9	Missoula	Jamie Toivonen	<a href="mailto:jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us">jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us</a>
Region 3	January 21	Great Falls	Carolyn Stone	<a href="mailto:cstone@moore.k12.mt.us">cstone@moore.k12.mt.us</a>
Region 4	December 17	Helena	Kerri Cobb	<a href="mailto:kerri.cobb@bsd7.org">kerri.cobb@bsd7.org</a>
Region 5	January 7	Livingston	Regina Wood	<a href="mailto:regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us">regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us</a>
Region 6	December 18 & 19	Billings	Natalie Schaff	<a href="mailto:natalieschaff@yahoo.com">natalieschaff@yahoo.com</a>
Region 7	December 3	Baker	Julie O'Dell	<a href="mailto:julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us">julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us</a>
Region 8	January 23	Sidney	Bertha Kirschten	<a href="mailto:bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us">bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us</a>

If you have any questions regarding your region's leadership conference, please contact your region's coordinator at the E-mail address noted above.

Be sure to have your BPA membership submitted to ensure you receive all the details and contacts relating to your region's leadership conference.

Remember, all members must be registered in order to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.

### **Celebrate DECA Month this Month**

November is DECA Month!! This is the time to let your chapter shine and concentrate on recruiting new members to your DECA Chapter. It's also a great chance to share DECA with school administrators and board members. There are lots of great resources on how you can get your chapter jump started during DECA Month by visiting <http://www.deca.org/events/decamonth>

### **DECA Idea Challenge Launches Today**

Today marks the beginning of the DECA Idea Challenge. Not only is this a great classroom activity, it's also a great Global Entrepreneurship Week activity. For details and information visit <http://www.gewusa.org/challenge>.

### **Friday is Due Date for Montana DECA ICDC Pin Designs**

The Montana DECA ICDC Pin Design Contest ends on Friday, November 9. The student with the winning design will receive \$50! Both DECA and non-DECA students are eligible to submit entries.

Designs must be submitted to Montana DECA State Advisor Erin Weisgerber at [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com) in a .jpeg format.

### **Business Services Operations Research Event Lesson Plans Sponsored by PostNet**

The Business Operations Research Project Lesson plan from PostNet is available. Check it out at <http://www.deca.org/page/borplans/>.

### **Apply Now for DECA Scholarships**

DECA Student Scholarships are now open online. You can get more info on all the scholarships, as well as application forms by visiting [www.deca.org/scholarships](http://www.deca.org/scholarships).

### **Entries Being Accepted for the DECA Images T-shirt Contest**

The 3rd Annual DECA Images T-shirt contest is under way. Let your students design the next ICDC T-shirt for everyone in the county to wear!

Visit [www.deca.org/shop](http://www.deca.org/shop) for more information.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at [www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info). The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.

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