

The Wednesday Reader

December 12, 2012

Please note, with the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there will not be a *Wednesday Reader* for December 26 and January 2. The first *Wednesday Reader* of 2013 will be Wednesday, January 9.

December 31 is Deadline to Report 2011-2012 CTE Concentrators Follow-Up Data

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.

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. Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail dfiedler@mt.gov.

Submit Projects for the FLIC Jr. Film Festival by January 2, 2013

Polson, Montana hosts the first annual Flathead Lake International Cinemafest (FLIC) February 1-3, 2013. Filmmakers from around the world are invited to showcase their films on the beautiful shores of Flathead Lake.

The festival promotes awareness, knowledge and understanding of community, communication, culture, habitat, people and nature through excellence in film. Also, Montana's first high school film festival FLIC Jr. invites students from across the state to submit their short to feature-length films.

Highlights include: appearances by filmmakers, screenwriters and producers who will share their experiences working in the film industry; multi-award-winning animation and documentary film maker Jeff Chuba will present and share his experiences from over a decade of work in this art form.

Showboat Cinemas will host the three-day festival with an opening party Friday night complete with red carpet.

For more information call 406-274-0181, write to 42915 Tawni Drive, Polson MT 59860 or e-mail flic@montanasky.com

Additional details about the first annual Flathead Lake International Cinemafest and procedures for entry can be found at <http://www.flicpolson.com/>.

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

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](http://econedmontana.org) (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.

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](http://www.econedmontana.edu) website at www.econedmontana.edu.

Did you know . . .

plastic bottles were first used for soft drinks in 1970

the \$ sign was introduced in 1788

the meaning of 'Blue Chip' comes from blue casino chips which have a high value

the first train reached a top speed of only 8 kmh (5 mph)

your most active muscles are in your eye

a banana contains 75% water

sponges hold more cold water than hot

a honeybee's top speed is 24kph (15mph)

Remember to Register Your DECA Members

With Christmas fast approaching, don't forget to register your students with DECA, Inc. so they will be eligible to register for the State Conference. Don't wait until the last minute! Students who are not registered AND paid will NOT be allowed to compete at the State Conference.

The State Conference registration deadline is January 11. All hotel information must be submitted by that date as well.

Registration for Montana DECA SCDC is Open & Due January 11

Montana DECA State Conference Registration is under way! Please remember all registration, other than hotel rooms, will be done online this year by visiting <https://www.decaregistration.com/mt>.

All hotel room registration will be as it has in the past and must be sent directly to the Brie at the hotel. You can email it to her at bried@helenacolonialhotel.com.

Online registration for the conference is linked directly to the DECA, Inc. Membership site, so all students MUST be registered and paid through DECA, Inc. before they can be registered for the state conference. All registration is due no later than Friday, January 11 at 5:00 pm. Please contact Erin at erinweisgerber@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Sports & Entertainment Marketing Registration Due This Week

For schools interested in attending the Sports & Entertainment Conference in Orlando, Florida, in February, registration is due by this Friday, December 14.

Visit <http://www.deca.org/events/sem/> for more information.

Deadline for School-Based Enterprises Entries Quickly Approaching

The School-Based Enterprise certification deadline is coming up soon. All entries must be postmarked by January 11.

Visit <http://www.decadirect.org/November-2012/Get-Recognized-for-Your-School-Based-Enterprise/> for more information and to find out how you can submit certification documentation.

Montana BPA Calendar Updated

An updated Montana BPA Calendar of Events is posted on the Advisor Manual page (www.bpamt.org/advisor_manual.html) of the Montana BPA website.

The new calendar is located at Tab 1 References, Item 1 on the Advisor Manual page.

BPA Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines Updated & Reposted

The 2013 Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines, including the Style and Reference Manual, have been updated and reposted to the [WSAP Download Center](http://www.bpa.org/compete/downloadcenter) (www.bpa.org/compete/downloadcenter).

There were three changes made since the last post plus some of the pages in the Style and Reference manual were cleaned up so that text boxes didn't overlap key data. The changes that were made since the last post are shown below.

- Page 255 adjusted spacing of line starting with "Newby" to be left justified 11-26-12
- Page 86 removed "Each research paper must include a title page" 11-28-12

Be sure you have the most recent version which will have the date 12/10/12 in the footer.

2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference Registration & First Update Mailing

Registration for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference, *Discover Your Treasure*, will open Monday, January 7, 2013. The registration fee for all students, advisors, and guests remains \$45.00.

Registration and pre-submission of competitive event materials will be completed online. Registration and pre-submission of competitive event materials must be completed by Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

The 2013 State Leadership Conference First Update will be email to all current Montana BPA advisors on Monday, December 17.

Preliminary 2013 State Leadership Conference details can be found under Tab 3 State, Item 9A: General Information for Planning Purposes on the Advisor Manual page of the Montana BPA website at http://www.bpamt.org/advisor_manual.html.

Judges Sought for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference

Molly Barta is looking for judges. Our 2013 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@billingschools.org.

Last Call for BPA Membership

As per Montana BPA policy, all members must be registered in order to compete at the Regional and State Leadership Conferences.

If you have not submitted your chapters membership, or have new members to add to your current membership roster, please be sure to have your membership finalized TODAY.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are 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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