



# Region VIII Newsletter



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Region VIII Representative

## PATHWAYS

Career Technical Education 2007 Pathways Conference will be held Thursday, April 26. It will be held at Blue Mt. C. C. and is sponsored by the Umatilla-Morrow ESD. This is an opportunity for our business students to develop education plans and profiles, which is required for graduation, and to participate in activities that may help students make decisions about their path after high school.



## CLASSES ACROSS THE REGION

In most schools Yearbook staff has either finished working on the book for a spring delivery or are still working hard on finishing up yearbook pages in anticipation of the years end for a fall delivery. Yearbook presentations vary from those using Jostens Online to those using InDesign and going with various publishing companies.

In Heppner, Computer Applications, Desktop Publishing and Web design students finished their CyberFair entry for Global School Net. The site is <http://www.geocities.com/heppnercyberfair/CyberFair2007>

Also in Heppner, Junior High Computer students have begun their collaborative project. This semester they are creating a simulated international business. Their group must designate members of the group to be CEO, CFO, and other corporate officers in the company. They hold their corporate meetings online using a special feature on the moodle pages that the ESD provides for us. Their company must host an event in five different cities, spanning three continents. They have to decide what products or services their company provides, they have to research what expenses will be involved in hosting their event and create spreadsheets showing all the information. They have to design posters, brochures, write business letters, create t-shirt designs, design mugs with company logo, research information about their cities, create PowerPoint's and lots more. They will finish up their project by creating a video presentation with their group explaining the company and the events. They will show their video to the class upon completion of the project.

*Jocelyn Hagar*  
Favorite Color: Forest Green  
Favorite place to shop: animetoy.com  
What does your style say about you?: I love anime and video games.  
How would you describe your style?: Very nerdy.  
Favorite item of clothing?: My Kyo Fruits basket shirt.

*Davey Garcia*  
Favorite color: Red  
Favorite place to shop: Zumies, Hot Topic for t-shirts, and anywhere I can buy CDs.  
What does your style say about you?: That I'm cool.  
How would you describe your style?: Cool, one of a kind.  
Favorite item of clothing?: My jackets and sweaters.

*Stacy Uchoa*  
Favorite Color: Green  
Favorite place to shop: Macy's  
What does your style say about you?: I like to try different styles depending on my mood, which is usually humorous and happy.

*Lacey Carlson*  
Favorite Color: Purple  
Favorite place to shop: American Eagle  
What does your style say about you?: That I'm outgoing and I wear the things I want to depending on the mood I'm in.  
How would you describe your style?: Comfortable, but I still have variety.  
Favorite item of clothing?: Jeans.

*emily kiska*  
*Yves Saint Laurent*

**Style is eternal!**

Imbler High School FBLA website: [http://www.imbler.k12.or.us/page\\_003.htm](http://www.imbler.k12.or.us/page_003.htm)

## MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Week

High school students who have completed grades 9-12 are invited to apply for Med-Quest which will be held June 25-29, 2007 on the Eastern Oregon University campus. Tuition is \$320 and limited scholarships are available. For an application, please call 541-962-3423.

Milton-Freewater Yearbook Page

## VIRTUAL SCHOOL

According to our local newspaper, "The East Oregonian", Oregon's largest charter school has grown to more than 1,500 students since it started in 2005. Students work at their own pace, and teachers develop a personalized plan for each student. The software company tracks each student's progress. Parents serve as learning coaches who oversee their children's studies. The name of the school is **Connections Academies** and because it is public, the books are free for the students to use. Students can set their own hours and can do school in the middle of the night if they so choose. The concept is catching on and could be a forerunner of things to come.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

WBITE Conference in the Big Sky State of Montana February 15-19, 2007. The conference will be held in Missoula at the Holiday Inn-Parkside. Many wonderful workshops are planned. Earlybird registration time has already passed, as has the opportunity to get conference rates at the hotel, but it is never too late to register and attend the conference. Go to [www.wbite.org](http://www.wbite.org) for more information.

The Austrian Chapter of the SIEC/International Society for Business Education will host the 79<sup>th</sup> International SIEC Conference in Vienna, Austria, July 29 to August 3, 2007. The conference theme will be "Innovation in Business Education."



## FBLA

Local students attend state FBLA leadership conference. Many from the east side of the mountains did well. Pictured, is Ashley Wolff, a Heppner High school freshman, who took 2nd in "Intro to Business". She,

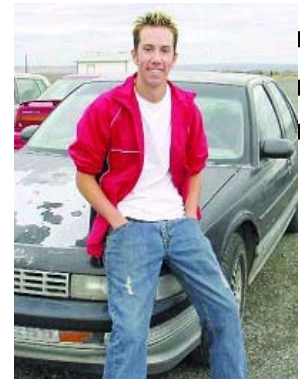
among others, qualified to attend nationals in Chicago this summer.

## HOW DANGEROUS IS IT?

It seems like most teens have a profile on MySpace. Just how dangerous is it for that to occur. A news article was written recently discussing the issue and it seems that MySpace has become a new form of email or keeping track and communicating with friends. Anyone with a MySpace account can choose what friends he/she allows on their site, making it quite secure. If they communicate with strangers or even worse, pedifiles, it's because they have allowed these people into their space and have invited conversation. It's no different than walking down the hallway at school and deciding who you are going to hang out with. You can choose the good or the bad. Surprisingly, many teachers even have MySpace pages and can share information and teaching tips. MySpace offers groups and also is a place where videos can be shared. MySpace is only what you make of it. It can be a very positive experience or it can be negative. The choice is entirely yours.

Hermiston High School business education teacher Roger Berger said his students are accomplished at using social networking web sites. He was quoted in a recent East Oregonian article, "I see kids on the computers and they are pretty savvy where some adults are afraid of things like erasing something forever," he said. "Because they've been using computers all their lives kids teach themselves." Our job as teachers, is to help the students learn to use their knowledge to make business connections and to use their computer for professional applications. That knowledge is a little harder for kids to comprehend. But more and more their business savvy grows and places like MySpace are becoming part of their professional life as well as their social life.

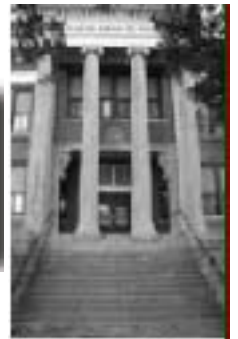
Pictured above: Mike Evans, Umatilla High School



# Schools in our District include:



McLoughlin High  
Milton Freewater



Region 8 consists of Morrow, Umatilla, Harney, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Malheur and Baker Counties

## Enterprise School District #21



Dayville School  
Long Creek School  
Monument School  
Prairie City School

Union H.S.



Wallowa School District





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## *The Back Page*

*Editorial by Darlene Marquardt*

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Ok, here we go again. **STRESS!** That is what I am going to discuss this issue. **STRESS!** It seems this time of year, each year, it gets busier and busier. How do we, as teachers, as humans, handle the stress of so many things to do, so many places to be, so much responsibility? I have had to ask myself that question lately. Have I said "yes" to too many things? Probably. But each of the things is important. Can it be done by someone else? Probably. But they are all things I enjoy doing. So how do I say "no" to some of the activities in my life. That is a good question. I don't have the answer. But what I do know that helps is that each morning when I get up, I decide what I have to do that particular day. I keep a written journal, calendar if you will, of a couple of months at a time. I check to see if there are any upcoming events that I need to prepare for. I see what needs to be done that particular day. If I have conflicts (more than one thing to do in a particular moment in time) I decide which one is highest priority and that is what I go with. I make sure that those to whom I am responsible, know if I can't do something. That is rare. My religious beliefs help me also. I feel comforted and rely on a higher power to get me through the day. If I start to panic about something, I stop and realize that I am only one person and in the scheme of things, if I don't get something done, it generally will wait for me to do the next day or if there is a deadline, I plan far enough ahead to meet it. The older I get the more I realize my down time is very important too. I give myself time to relax and not be responsible for anything. **STRESS!!** You bet. But I realize if there were no stress, then the urgency to do my best would not be there. It wouldn't matter. And hopefully I have prioritized enough that most of what I do, does matter.  
**WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE, WE ARE TEACHERS.**

Congratulations to the Ontario High School Future Business Leaders of America Chapter for their great performance at the State Competition held in Portland April 4-6, 2007.

Aimee Fritsch-Introduction to Business, 1st place

Kayla Yano-Business Communications, 2nd place

Stephanie Babij-Business Procedures, 7th place

Chad Haidle-Economics, 9th place

Congrats to all Region 8 students who placed at FBLA. At this writing I didn't have names from more schools.



Vale, Oregon

[http://www.vale.k12.or.us/highschool/teachers/schaffeld/Senior\\_Project/Senior\\_Project\\_Homepage.html](http://www.vale.k12.or.us/highschool/teachers/schaffeld/Senior_Project/Senior_Project_Homepage.html) is the homepage that describes Vale High School's Career Projects which must be done by the senior class.

[http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/Grant\\_Union/careers.htm](http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/Grant_Union/careers.htm) is a web page resource for Grant Union High School career students.

### RESOURCE

<http://getreal.ous.edu/resource.htm> is a link to Computer Science resources for your high school students. Eastern Oregon University is one of the higher ed schools helping to provide this resource for high school students in our area.



Conference Opportunity: May 21st at Central Washington University. Learn about Perkins legislation and other Business and Marketing issues. For more information go to [http://www.mark-ed.org/2.0/Joomla/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=96&Itemid=60](http://www.mark-ed.org/2.0/Joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=96&Itemid=60)

