

# Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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## Campus Holiday Party



Yesterday, MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff and their families gathered together in the SUB Dining Hall for the MSU-Northern Campus Holiday Party. Along with creating a holiday atmosphere, the dinner also raised awareness for the Havre Food Bank by encouraging attendees to donate non-perishable food items. MSU-Northern's new Chancellor, Dr. James Limbaugh, was on hand to say a few words of welcome and encouragement. The party was a hit with excellent food, entertainment by Eric E., cookie decorating, crafts for the kids and a guest appearance by Santa.

## Staff and Students Enjoy Cake Decorating



Laurie Catt, who works at Northern's ITS Help Desk, shared her cake decorating skills with staff and students on Tuesday evening. Participants learned to make leaves, flowers, borders, lettering, and more. In this photo, Laurie shows Food Service Director Pam Conatser how to use a paper heart pattern on her cake.

## Agriculture Meeting with MSU-Northern Students

On Wednesday, representatives of the Montana Stockgrowers Association visited with our MSU-Northern PAS club members and our agriculture technology students about the importance of being involved in agriculture organizations.

## Care Packages for Students during Finals

Are you looking for a great way to let your son, daughter, or friend know you wish them well while they're studying for finals? Send them a finals care package! The packages will be \$20.00 and may include: food, fruit, drinks, gift certificates, and something for them to keep such as a flash drive, folc disc, notebook, and much more.

For Fall semester 2011, Order by December 5 for delivery on December 9. For Spring semester 2012, order by April 16 for delivery on April 26. With the care package you will be able to attach a personal note to the student. This can be a great way to show your support and well wishes.

Go to our website to fill out the form or just give us a call and you can order over the phone!  
Care Package website: <http://msun.edu/alumni/care-packages.htm> Phone: 406-265-3770

## Library Hours for Last Two Weeks of Fall Semester

The Library will be open until 11:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday-Thursday, December the 5th - 8th, and Sunday-Wednesday, December the 11th - 14th. Coffee and cookies will be available (while supplies last) after 7:00 p.m. on these evenings. For a complete list of Library hours, visit the Library's website at <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/>.

## Piano and Pipes Concert

This Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. the First Lutheran Church will host the annual Piano and Pipes Concert. This event spotlights local musicians, choirs and the MSU-Northern Community Choir which includes staff, students and local community members. Food items and cash donations will be collected for the local food bank. People are also encouraged to take part in the annual Cookie Exchange which will take place after the concert. You purchase an empty container and then fill it with a variety of your favorite cookies. The proceeds from the Cookie Exchange will also go toward the Havre Food Bank.

## Study Abroad. Go Somewhere.

Are you interested in studying in a foreign country? Maybe you can't commit to a full semester or year...

Summer Programs Abroad might be your answer - combine classroom work with field trips to various cultural and historical sights. MSU-Northern's Career Center is hosting an informational session to learn about the opportunities for summer 2012.

Programs include: Costa Rica, Morocco, China, Japan, Kenya, Scotland, China, and Greece. Find out more on Friday, December the 9th at noon in Hagener Science Center, Room 202. Refreshments will be served.

## Doctors Without Borders

Many of you may know Dr. Carley Robertson, a local physician and former MSU-Northern Diesel student. She will be leaving this summer for another volunteer trip with "Doctors without Borders", to Tanzania. In preparation for the trip, she is collecting items that can be used while there. The group is seeking any and all prescription glasses that can be donated, new shoes of any size, and any type of orthopedic supplies (crutches, post-surgical boots, walking boots, etc.). Robertson needs these supplies by the end of January so they can be sent to Seattle to be packed in containers to be shipped in time for the group's visit in July.

If you have any of these items you would like to donate to a very worthy cause, please let Janet Trethewey know and she will be happy to pick them up either from your office or from home. For those of you in Great Falls, she can also make arrangements to pick them up from the COT during Christmas break.

## Christmas Trees and Wreaths for Sale

The MSU-Northern PAS Club has freshly cut Bear Paw Mountains Douglas Fir Christmas Trees and assorted wreaths for sale.

All Trees are \$30 regardless of size; they can cut to the desired length if you wish. Wreaths (3 types: Rope/Horseshoe, Barbwire, and Boughs) \$15 to \$25. Proceeds will help fund our trip to PAS National Conference in March 2012. For information and/or directions contact Bill Danley at 265-4154 or 265-5083 or e-mail address [danley@msun.edu](mailto:danley@msun.edu).

## Jared Miller Transitions to College Wrestling

As a two-time state champion and a four-time state semifinalist, Jared Miller was a star on the Kotzebue High School wrestling team (in Kotzebue, Alaska). He was the best on the team during his high school years. Going to college completely changed wrestling for Miller. At MSU-Northern, competing in the NAIA division of wrestling, Miller has come up against bigger, stronger, and faster opponents. Miller himself admits that college wrestling has been a huge adjustment and challenge.

"I started off the season a little scared, trying to acclimate myself to the college level," he said. Miller doesn't let losses drag him down though.

"Even in losing you learn something from a match," he said. By the end of his freshman season, Miller had won 20 of 42 matches and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. His other accomplishments included a second-place finish at the Northwest Open, a third at the NAIA West Regionals and a fourth at the Inland Northwest Collegiate meet. Off the mat, Miller spends a majority of his time studying as a civil engineering major.

The wrestling season has been going well for Miller and his teammates.

"Things are just going really well," he said. "Wrestling is looking up this year and I'm feeling a lot better about school, so things are just looking really good."

### **MSU-Northern Alumnus Builds Small School's Enrollment**

Located halfway between Power, MT and Fairfield, MT on a two-lane highway surrounded by farms and ranches, is Greenfield School. The kindergarten through eighth-grade school boasts an enrollment of 55 students. That number is a result of this year's kindergarten class being 14 students, compared with the school's eight kindergartners last year. The principal there is Paul Wilson who is one of our counselor education and K-12 administration programs' graduates. Wilson is one of our wonderfully well-prepared and successful alumni who is making a difference in lives of children, families, and communities in Montana. Congratulations Paul on making Greenfield School a huge success!

### **"We Love Northern Ball" Coming Up Soon!**

The "We Love Northern Ball" is coming up quickly! Like past years, the ball will feature baskets from various donors for the silent auction. MSU-Northern departments are encouraged to put together a basket (or baskets) for this purpose.

Also, you should consider "We Love Northern Ball" tickets as a great idea for Christmas gifts! Call MSU-Northern's Foundation for pricing inquiries and to purchase your gift tickets. The Foundation's phone: 265-3711.

### **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

MSU-Northern's annual Christmas tree lighting will take place on Monday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. by the main entrance in the hall on the second floor of Cowan Hall. This year we are giving all staff and faculty a free present designed to promote safe outdoor winter activities. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider and cookies will be served.

### **Chili Feed**

Montana State University Northern invites you to the Community Leadership Scholarship Fundraiser and Chili Feed on December 4th, 2011 from 12 - 3 p.m. at the Havre Eagles Club. Come for a warm meal of homemade chili, fresh fry bread, hearty baked potatoes, and a variety of desserts. Join us for a silent auction featuring a variety of donated items from our hometown sponsors. Tickets are available at the door for \$6.00/person, \$10.00/couple, or \$20.00/family. All proceeds benefit the education of our MSU-N Community Leadership Scholars - The leaders of tomorrow.

## The Forgotten Carols



MAT will be presenting the musical *The Forgotten Carols* this holiday season. This production is a lovely family-friendly show, so parents are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy this Christmas caroling musical. The show will run on December 8-10, 16-17, 22-23 at 8 p.m. nightly, then a special Christmas Eve showing at 2 p.m. (all in the MSU-N/MAT Theatre). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. MSU-Northern students will be admitted for free with current I.D. The doors and backstage lounge will be open a half hour before show time.

### Native American Classic

Next Friday and Saturday, December the 9th and 10th, the Native American Classic is being held at MSU-Northern. This is a basketball tournament featuring boys and girls high school teams from Rocky Boy, Box Elder, Browning, Heart Butte, Valier, Harlem, Hays-Lodgepole, and Kainai (a Canadian school).

The Admissions Office along with The Sweetgrass Society will have an MSU-Northern table set up at the tournament. We are looking for volunteers to help sit at this table during the games. This is a great opportunity to meet prospective students and their families and share with them all that MSU-Northern has to offer. The booth is set up in 1 hour time slots within the 9 a.m.-8 p.m. time frame, but you can sign up for a longer session if you choose. If you would like to assist us with this great recruiting opportunity please let Lexy Fisher know the day and time you can be there.

We appreciate any contribution of your valuable time for this recruiting event. Please let Lexy know if you have any questions. Contact Lexy Fisher (Work) 406-265-3536 or (Cell) 406-262-3413

## Open Positions at MSU-Northern

### **Accounting Associate III (Business Services)**

Open until filled

Performs accounting, reconciling, and reporting functions for University's restricted grant accounts. Responsible for maintaining accurate records of University's fixed assets. Performs reconciliation of statements, updates service records, and works with student-borrowers on Perkins Loan repayment. Assists with office coverage as needed. Associate Degree in related field or equivalent and at least 3 years office experience -or- equivalent combination of education and experience.

### **Administrative Associate II (Academic Affairs)**

Open until filled

The purpose of this position is to provide administrative support to the Provost's Office and to coordinate work associated with graduate programs. Associate Degree or equivalent work experience required.

### **Assistant Professor Nursing, Tenure-track**

Open until filled

Teach nursing courses in the associate degree and RN to BSN (online) nursing programs as well as provide clinical instruction in the labor, delivery, and recovery, or pediatric areas. Will teach approx 24 semester credit hours of classes each year. MSN in nursing required with current license as RN in MT.

### **Instructor of Diesel Technology, Tenure Track**

Open until filled

Teach approximately 24 semester credit hours of lecture/laboratory courses per academic year. Bachelor's Degree in Diesel Technology or related field required. This is a tenure-track position and one condition for tenure will be the Completion of a Master's Degree in related field.

### **Industrial Technology Instructor, Tenure Track**

Available August 2012

Teach up to 24 semester credit hours per year in CAD/CAM and Industrial Technology courses. Classes assigned will be in CNC, Machining, Construction, Woodworking, Manufacturing, Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing (GD&T) and Capstone.

For complete vacancy listings see [www.msun.edu/hr/employment.htm](http://www.msun.edu/hr/employment.htm)

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## Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### **Windows 7 Tip**

#### **Use an accessibility option to alert yourself to toggle keys**

It's easy to hit the CapsLock key and suddenly find your upper and lower case intentions reversed. If you know you've hit CapsLock, you can quickly press it again before you do any real damage. But a lot of times you don't realize you've hit it, and you could type for a while before realizing what you've done.

The Windows accessibility options can help alert you when the CapsLock, NumLock or ScrollLock keys are pressed. In Windows 7 all you need to do is:

1. Hold down **NumLock** for 5 to 10 seconds and then
2. Click the **Yes** button in the dialog window.

Now whenever one of the Lock keys is pressed your system will beep - one tone for when the lock is turned on and another when it is turned off.

To turn this option off, simply hold down the NumLock key again for 5-10 seconds until it makes a sound different from the on/off beeps.

## TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Northern Alumnus, Adam Wabeke, is currently a Peace Corp volunteer in Armenia. You can follow his adventures at <http://thortheninja.tumblr.com/>. If you know Adam and would like to contact him he can be reached through Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/ThorTheNinja>. Do you know where Armenia is located?

## Featured Program

Graphic Design: MSU-Northern's Graphic Design Program integrates traditional visual arts education with current technology to prepare designers for both print and electronic media. Drawing, design, and painting courses provide a foundation focusing on development of perceptual skills and visual conception abilities. A portfolio of work will be assembled by each student as a visible demonstration of skills and abilities, and as a presentation portfolio for employment purposes.

Employment for graphic design students may include becoming a desktop publishing designer with a business or nonprofit organization, designer or layout artist with a commercial printer, advertising illustrator, technical illustrator, scientific illustrator, advertising designer, television computer graphic designer, web site designer, and product or package designer.