



# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern

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## *This Past Week*

### Fall Graduation



The 2nd annual Fall graduation reception was held on December 1st in Hensler Auditorium. This year, Northern had 56 students who can graduate in December. Students and family members enjoyed a brief ceremony followed by cake to celebrate this significant milestone. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to hearing what their futures hold. All of these graduates will also have the opportunity to receive their diplomas with their classmates in May.

### Check Out MSU-Northern's New Recruiting Video



Click on the image to view Northern's new recruiting video

## Matt McKeen Named Mr. Irresistible



Last week, Level-1 Nursing students proudly presented Northern's first ever all-male beauty pageant. The contestants were full of energy that night and certainly put on a good show. Matt McKeen walked away the winner, with the title of Northern's 2015 Mr. Irresistible, and the nursing students walked away with some money for their pinning ceremony and future activities.

## Northern Lights the Tree



Monday, Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting event in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. As usual, it was a lovely event, full of warmth and holiday cheer. Two-year old Lennon Vernon was on hand to



help Chancellor Kegel throw the large switch. The glowing tree always brings just the right amount of festive flair to the entryway of Cowan Hall. To top it off, they served oatmeal raisin cookies. Can it get any better than that? I think not.

## CHS Big Sky Donates Jackets for the Stockgrowers Club



MSU-Northern's collegiate Stockgrowers Club would like to thank CHS Big Sky for donating their new club jackets and Fiveheads for donating all of the embroidery work on the jackets.

## Seussified Christmas Carol Opens Tonight



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Montana Actors' Theatre and the Holiday Village Mall Association present, *A Seussified Christmas Carol* Directed by Katie Holmes and Andi Daniel. Join us for a whimsical, fun-filled reinvention of Dickens' most beloved story... *A Christmas Carol*. This Seussified version is filled with wacky rhymed couplets and zoot

fruited juices... from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this timeless tale of glorious holiday cheer is a great show for the entire family.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for seniors, students, and military, \$5 for Children 10 and under. MSU-Northern students are admitted free with a current student ID. Tickets are available online or at Fiveheads, Computer Center, Bear Paw Meats, or Bear Paw Montana Realty.

**Show dates are:**

- Evening Shows (8 p.m.): Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 21-22
- Matinees (2 p.m.): Dec. 13 and 20
- Doors and backstage lounge will open 30 minutes before each show.

## NorthPoint Auction



Over 90 students attended the Fall Semester NorthPoint auction and spent a total of 594,345 points on auction items. Students earn NorthPoints by participating in Fall Semester events. The individual points earned ranged from 750-34,075. Each student who attended won at least one prize at the event. Over half of the students who attended the event had more than 5,000 points, which was the minimum requirement to enter the drawing for the 40" TV. Winners of the "big-ticket" items were:

- Whitney Barhns won the 40" TV
- Matt McKeen won the Fitbit
- Matthew Spires won the drone
- Darby Covey won the Smart Watch

In addition to the NorthPoint competition, the Residence Hall floors conducted a competition amongst themselves to see what floor could get the highest number of students at events. The winning floor was Morgan 400. Jedrik Schatz was the RA for the floor. They received a \$100 pizza gift card.

## Waffle Wednesday

Chi Alpha dished out festive waffles and all kinds of toppings at the last waffle extravaganza before Christmas. The group prepared special festive waffle flavors and offered holiday toppings as well as hot cocoa and cider. Off-campus students and dorm dwellers alike, gathered to partake of the free sugar-loaded smorgasbord, and all who attended had a splendid time.

## Frontier Conference Announces 2015 All-Conference Football Teams

MSU-Northern's running back, Zach McKinley, and offensive lineman, Pete Morales, were named by the Frontier Conference as part of the 2015 Second Team All-Conference Offense Football Team. Way to go Zach and Pete; you make Northern proud!

## Five Ways to Capture the Spirit of the Holidays within Your Budget

By Jennifer Thimell

In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is easy to lose sight of the meaning behind all the gift giving and festivities. Here are a few ways you can stay calm and keep the holidays fun, affordable, and festive, while celebrating love and family, the way we should.

1. Use cash not credit to buy gifts.
2. Keep the focus on giving instead of getting. Involve your kids in the gift giving process. Give them ten dollars to buy a gift for someone in the family.
3. Search Pinterest for fun/low-cost decorating ideas, and host a decoration party.
4. Think outside the gift box; try doing a service for someone in your family, making a gift, or writing a letter.
5. Go out and get involved in the community. Volunteering your time can help you get into the holiday spirit.

Remember, when it comes to having a great holiday season, it's not about the expense, but the experience.

## *Important Announcements*

### Final Exam Schedule

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the final exam schedule for next week.

### Extended Library Hours for the Week before Finals Week:

Friday, Dec. 4: Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5: Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6: Open 1 p.m.-11 p.m.

### Student Co-op Registration is Open for Spring Semester

All co-ops are registered and administered through CareerExpress, unlike the regular classes in which students enroll. Each student must have a profile on CareerExpress before he or she can register for a co-op. Every co-op requires relevant learning objectives and approval by the student's advisor, employer, dean of the appropriate college, and the director of the Career Center. It is not the Career Center or MSUN's responsibility to find a co-op for a student. The center can provide assistance, but students need to find employers who will work with them for this on-the-job learning experience.

Please contact the Career Center with any questions you may have.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### Tech Snacks: Say Goodbye to Justin - Dec. 02

Tech Snacks are usually 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. However, this week we are saying goodbye to Justin Mason, because he is moving to Wisconsin. As always, we will have snacks and fresh coffee. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, Dec. 2nd) at 10:30, 11:00, & 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 & 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### XLi 2016

Next year's XLi Conference is being held at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

Proposals are being accepted for presentations at the XLi 2016 website, <http://xli.gfcmu.edu/>

Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLi will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting; we can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.



## Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

## Upcoming Activities

### **Mary Poppins MAT Tryouts for Children- Dec. 4-5**

The adult auditions for MAT's upcoming production of *Mary Poppins* have passed, but there are still time slots for children to tryout. Children's auditions will take place today, Friday, December 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium and Saturday, December 5, from 1-3 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Theatre in Cowan Hall. For questions or to request the audition preparation information, call Rachel Dean at 399-3992 or Audrey Barger at 390-4663. The actual showing of the musical will run from March 4-5, 10-12, 17-19 with matinees on March 6 and 13.

### **Cowboy Christmas - Dec 5**

Plan to attend the MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and Team annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction on Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. This event is the Rodeo Team's primary fundraiser of the year and all benefits are used toward financing MSUN Rodeo team's travel expenses, practices, and scholarships. For more information contact Doug Kallenberger at 262-2422 or email him at [dkallenberger@stockmanbank.com](mailto:dkallenberger@stockmanbank.com) Come for a great time and help support MSUN rodeo!

### **Piano and Pipes Concert - Dec. 6**

Get in the holiday spirit with a dose of holiday music this Sunday, December the 6th at 2 p.m. It is the annual Pianos and Pipes concert featuring the MSUN Community Choir along with other local musicians. The concert will be in First Lutheran Church, 303 6th Avenue in Havre. The concert admission is free but you are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Havre Food Bank. Come see what musical talent thrives along the Hi-Line!

### **MSU-Northern Community Choir Christmas Concert - Dec. 8**

Come to the MSU-Northern Community Choir Christmas Concert featuring Children's Chorus, Guest Soloist, Hi-Line Men's Chorus, and the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Quartet. The concert is at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Havre High School Auditorium, free admission and open to the public.

## **23rd Annual Northern Native American Basketball Classic**

### **Friday, December 11, 2015**

Game 1	Girls	Box Elder vs. Browning JV	10:00 a.m.
Game 2	Boys	Kainai vs. Browning JV	11:30 a.m.
Game 3	Girls	Rocky Boy vs. Heart Butte	1:00 p.m.

### **First Session Break**

Game 4	Boys	Heart Butte vs. Rocky Boy	5:00 p.m.
Game 5	Girls	Harlem vs. Kainai	6:30 p.m.
Game 6	Boys	Box Elder vs. Harlem	8:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 12, 2015**

Game 7	Girls	Browning JV vs. Kainai	9:30 a.m.
Game 8	Boys	Heart Butte vs. Browning JV	11:00 a.m.
Game 9	Girls	Harlem vs. Heart Butte	12:30 p.m.

### **Third Session Break**

Game 10	Boys	Kainai vs. Harlem	4:30 p.m.
Game 11	Girls	Box Elder vs. Rocky Boy	6:00 p.m.
Game 12	Boys	Box Elder vs. Rocky Boy	7:30 p.m.

All of these games are in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium Havre, Montana

## Heroes and Horses Fundraiser - Dec. 9



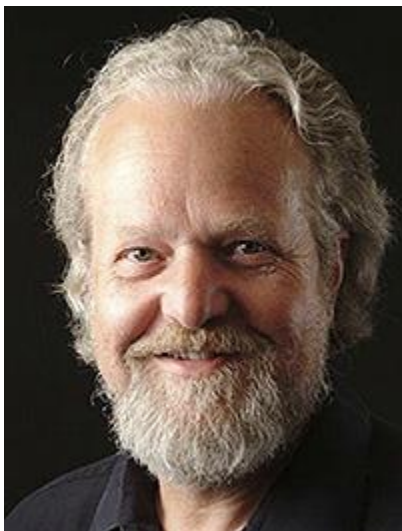
Heroes and Horses is a Program for reforging America's combat veterans. The MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers club is proud to announce they are partnering with the North Central Stockgrowers Association and North 40 Outfitters in a fundraiser for Heroes and Horses.

Based in Manhattan, Montana, Heroes and Horses harnesses the power of the horse/human connection to restore trust, motivation, and self-confidence. On expeditions in Montana's high country, the Heroes and Horses program uses a positive pressure environment to re-forged the lives of America's combat veterans. The Heroes and Horses program re-galvanizes our nation's veterans, challenging them to rediscover who they are and what they can be moving forward. Heroes and Horses' focus is not about what happened, but what can happen when one chooses to press on. By "challenging what challenges them," Heroes and Horses provides veterans the chance to make peace with their past and replace devastating memories with positive ones. Donations are needed to fund a soldier through a 3-phase/completion program, at no cost to the veteran.

The fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, December 9 from 4-7 p.m. in the parking lot facing Highway 2 at the Holiday Village Mall. Rides on a horse-drawn trailer and refreshments will be provided for a small fee. All proceeds from the rides and refreshments, in addition to all in-kind donations, will go to Heroes and Horses in support of America's combat veterans.

For more information, please contact Mary Heller at 406-265-3708 or [mary.heller@msun.edu](mailto:mary.heller@msun.edu).

## "Music in Montana" with Eric Funk- Dec. 15



Havre Hometown Humanities will host "Music in Montana" with Montana State University professor Eric Funk, Tuesday, December 15, at 7 p.m. in the Fifth Avenue Christian Church. The presentation is open to the public, free of charge. There will be coffee and cookie reception for Funk at the end of the program.

Funk will combine samples from his seven-time Emmy Award winning Montana PBS show *11th & Grant with Eric Funk* as well as live performance to discuss the basics about musical genres, stylistic differences, and how these inform individual preferences in music. Through the lens of his television series, he will explore the deep connection between a humanistic approach to life and music.

Funk is an American contemporary classical composer and a professor in the School of Music at Montana State University. Originally from Deer Lodge, Montana, Funk's family lived in Havre when he was young. He has received, among many awards, a 2012 Humanities Hero, a

Governor's Award for the Arts, and a 2011 Innovation in the Arts Award. He also received the 2013 James & Mary Ross Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

For more information, call 406-265-2724.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **TidBits**

By Bill Lanier

I need to make a correction from my November 20, 2015 TidBit that honored the late Wells Lamey. I incorrectly stated that Judy Bricker was one of the individuals involved in getting the Hall of Fame started. While Judy did spend many years working on the Hall of Fame as the Alumni Director, it was her predecessor, Lynn Hamilton who was part of the founding of the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. My apologies, to both Judy and Lynn for this mistake.

In that TidBit I mentioned that Wells Lamey was one of a few select individuals who had received the Founder's award and had been inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. Here is that short list (that I know of);

Dr. Dave Greenwood (Founder's Award 1990 and Hall of Fame 1995) Tom Reynolds (Founder's Award 1994 and Hall of Fame 1996) Wells Lamey (Founder's Award 1996 and Hall of Fame 2004) Gerry Veis (Founder's Award 2015 and Hall of Fame 2001)