

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Cowboy Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QC-22QXyMMM>



[Click on picture to watch the Cowboy Christmas video](#)

Last Saturday MSU-Northern's Rodeo Booster Club and Team hosted their 15th annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. This fun-filled event is the team's primary fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds are used to finance the MSU-N Rodeo team's travel expenses, practices, and scholarships. Thanks to all who took the time to support the team through this event. It means a lot to the rodeo participants, their families, and the rodeo fans. Northern would like to thank the hundreds of people who donated and bought auction items.

MSU-Northern Community Choir Christmas Concert



The MSU-Northern Community Choir has been very active throughout this Christmas season. They were part of the Piano and Pipes performers, and they held their own Christmas concert for the public. It was great to see members of the Havre and MSU-N community join together to make beautiful Christmas music. The concert also featured a local children's chorus, several guest soloists, the Highline Men's Chorus, and the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Quartet.

Heroes and Horses



On Wednesday, December 9, the MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers joined the North Central Stockgrowers Association and North 40 Outfitters for a fundraiser for Heroes and Horses, a program that uses the power of the horse/human connection to restore trust, motivation, and self-confidence for America's

combat veterans. In spite of the high winds and extreme weather at the event, the organizations involved raised \$300.

The Collegiate Stockgrowers wish to give a special nod of appreciation to the following people and organizations:

- Clinton and Margo Pankratz with the North Central Stockgrowers' Association for donating their carriage, decorations and time
- Dennis Mitchell with the North Central Stockgrowers' Association for donating fuel, time and talent in driving the team
- Larry Surber with L&S Adventures for donating the use of his team
- North 40 Outfitters for assisting with hosting the event and donating \$100 in gift certificates to Heroes and Horses
- Chandra Moomey of the Holiday Village Mall for assisting with the hosting of the event

The MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers have decided to keep the fundraiser open until the end of the year. They'd like to reach a goal of \$500 and ask people to continue to donate throughout the holiday season. Those wishing to donate can contact Mary Heller at 406-265-3708 or mary.heller@msun.edu

Become a DJ! Get course credit! Sign up Today!

Did you know that you can now get course credit for participation in your campus radio station? COMX 291 Radio Station Participation is now listed in the Spring 2016 course catalog! COMX 291 presents students the opportunity to produce and broadcast their own live weekly radio show in KNMC's radio studio. In addition, KNMC will begin web-streaming in 2016! Now your folks in can tune in too! Sign up today!

MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation Accepting Nominations for Achievement Awards

The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation is actively seeking nominations for the Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame awards for the 2016 year, with the awards ceremony to be held Friday, May 6th, 2016. These two awards help honor Northern's brightest and most successful alumni, athletes, and friends.

Founder's Excellence award is given to deserving individuals in honor of their professional accomplishments, loyalty and service that have enhanced the development of Montana State University - Northern. In 1976, Founders' Day was added as an NMC tradition. Over the past 39 years, 99 people have been honored with the Founders' Excellence Award. Candidates for the Founders' Excellence Award must be an alum, administrator, former faculty or staff, or friend of MSU-Northern who has made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession in one or more of the following areas: leadership, service to Northern, or by financially supporting Northern.

For a listing of Founders' Excellence Award recipients and additional information please visit:

<http://www.msun.edu/foundation/foundersexcellence.aspx>

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at either Northern Montana College or Montana State University-Northern. Other individuals may also be recognized for outstanding and meritorious service to Northern Athletics. Before election of any person to the Athletic Hall of Fame, the Selection Committee requires a written nomination consisting of the following: collegiate and/or coaching records of the nominee; achievements and honors since graduation/leaving Northern; professional and service accomplishments; other honors and awards; and a brief biography. In order for the nominee's name to appear on the ballot, the Selection Committee must also receive three letters of support for each nominee.

For a listing of Hall of Fame inductees, nomination forms, and additional information about the Hall of Fame please visit: <http://www.msun.edu/alumni/fame/index.aspx>

Although the Foundation collects nominations throughout the year, to be nominated for the 2016 class please submit your nomination by January 15, 2016. To nominate an individual for the Founders' Excellence Award or the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame, please submit a letter of recommendation along with any other supporting documents to:

MSU-Northern Foundation
c/o Jim Bennett
PO Box 1691
Havre, MT 59501
Telephone: 406.265.3711
Fax: 406.945.9402
Email: jim.bennett@msun.edu

Bring a Toy, Enjoy a Game

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to Monday night's Skylights basketball game against Northern New Mexico and you will receive free admission to the game. The toys will go to the Havre Jaycees Toy Chest. The game is at 6:00 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium.

Important Announcements

Library Hours for the Semester Break:

The library will be open during normal business hours:
Monday thru Friday - Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

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

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.

Upcoming Activities

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.
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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

Seussified Christmas Carol - Dec. 11, 12, 13



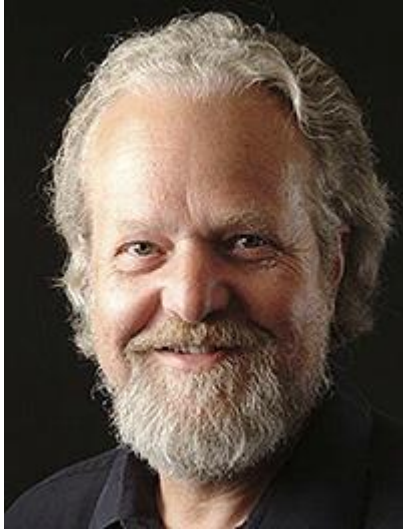
Montana Actors' Theatre and the Holiday Village Mall Association present, *A Seussified Christmas Carol* Directed by Katie Holmes and Andi Daniel. Join us for a whimsical, fun-filled reinvention of Dickens' most beloved story... *A Christmas Carol*. This Seussified version is filled with wacky rhymed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

"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.

SEA Gift Basket Raffle - Dec. 18

The MSU-Northern Student Education Association (SEA) is having a Gift Basket Raffle to raise money for Hands on History in March and to host the Special Olympic dance in April. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 See Jennifer Anderson or Virginia Braithwaite in Cowan Hall 104 for tickets or call 406-265-3751. Drawing will be held December 18, 2015 Do not need to be present to win!

SPRING CAREER FAIR AND CO-OPS - Feb 8

Mark your calendars; the 2016 Spring Career Fair is Monday, February 8. The event will be held in the Armory Gymnasium from 9 a.m. - noon with many employers interviewing in the afternoon and next day. Registration is open for employers on CareerExpress and the deadline to sign up is January 29. Students will be allowed to sign up when they return for spring semester. Contact the Career Center at 406-265-4198 if you have any questions.

Students wishing to register for spring semester co-ops should do so no later than Wednesday, January 27. It is up to the student to find an employer who is willing to work with them on the co-op experience. Registration for the co-ops begin with the Career Center and on CareerExpress.

Weekly Columns

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Looking Back, Looking ahead
By Mary Heller

How many times has someone said that looking back is not as good as looking ahead? Of course, it depends on the scenario and, in this case, doing both is - hopefully - extremely helpful. That being said...

Fall 2015 semester was filled with many successes. From the perspective of the Career Center, we were busier but things seemed to run more efficiently. The fact that we edited over 50 student resumes attests to how busy we were, especially during the month of September. However, the result of our efforts was many compliments from employers who noticed more professional resumes and that reflects well on our university as a whole. This work, and the positive feedback we received, would not have happened were it not for the faculty members who pushed their students to utilize the Career Center and the resources we offer. For that, we say THANK YOU to those professors who steered students in our direction!

With the editing of the resumes came many side benefits. Sitting down with a student gave us the opportunity to work with that student not only on the resume and what employers are looking for on paper, but also time to coach the student on soft skills and interview techniques. That one-on-one time was a key ingredient to many successful interviews with visiting employers.

Last semester also saw the largest Career Fair held on campus. There were 42 employers registered for the event held on October 12th and over 300 students attended the event. Walking through the Armory Gym that day, a person could literally feel the energy! Many students were dressed in professional attire and carrying copies of their resumes to hand out to the employers they visited. Eavesdropping on conversations between students and employers brought a sense of pride as discussions revolved around working environments and questions regarding benefits.

This energy and professionalism from students is the goal of the Career Center for the future. We are hopeful that faculty will continue to guide students to us in a partnership of helping students be successful with their career preparedness. There will be new students on campus needing help with resumes and interviews, as well as some students who may need help updating their information from last semester. More employers will be visiting campus for individual information sessions and the Spring 2016 Career Fair is set for Monday, February 8th and we want to see our students ready to talk to these employers.

Please contact us as soon as possible to schedule us to speak in your classroom during the month of January. We thank everyone for a successful fall semester and look forward to a great spring semester!

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

In the early spring of 2016, there will be a committee that will convene and go through the nominations and make selections for two very important awards. This would be the Founder's Excellence Award and the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. These recipients will be honored at a dinner in conjunction with Founders Week that will be held just prior to graduation at the end of Spring Semester.

Do you know an outstanding alumni, former faculty member, former Northern athlete or friend of Northern that you think should be recognized? Did you know that anybody can submit nominations? Do you know who has received these honors in the past? You are in luck; here are two links to all the information you need to know to answer these questions:

Founder's Excellence Award

<http://www.msun.edu/foundation/foundersexcellence.aspx>

Northern Athletic Hall of Fame:

<http://www.msun.edu/alumni/fame/>

If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please review these links and the information provided and submit your nomination and accompanying materials to:

MSU-Northern Foundation

P.O. Box 1691

Havre, MT 59501

Again, thank you to all of you who have read the NNN Tidbits this semester. I look forward to continuing the NNN TidBits this spring semester. Have a great holiday!