Associate Professor Joshua Meyer talks about the curling class offered at MSU-Northern and how students and community members can get involved in the sport.
Monday (Nov. 28), MSU-Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting event in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. This year the event featured music by our own faculty and staff, pictured (L to R) is Giuseppe Cortese on the "Slap-Top" Cajon, Casey Donovan on the bassoon, and Corey Kopp on the guitar. Flipping the switch to light the tree was Cameron and Payton Gatch. This event signals the start of the holiday season on the Northern campus.
Fifth Annual 406 Agronomy Summit Comes to MSU-Northern

Over 250 farmers, speakers, and AG related companies from across Montana came to MSU-Northern this past week (Nov. 28-29) to attend the 5th annual 406 Agronomy Summit. The event is designed to help farmers learn, unlearn, and relearn about safe, accurate, and reliable agricultural practices, services, and the latest in precision AG technologies. Twenty-four speakers provided 23 workshops designed to help farmers make improvements and increase their profitability. Pictured above is Michelle Miller who is known across the internet as “The Farm Babe.” She spoke to the participants and was able to debunk inaccurate information about farming practices.

Read more...
MSU-Northern’s instructional designer, Jason Geer, highlighted the lives of 28 local veterans through a photo show he calls the Veteran Portrait Project. The show was unveiled on Veteran’s Day, November 11th, at Crawfords Distillery in Havre.

“Being a veteran, I hear a lot about PTSD, drug addiction, homelessness but not very much about what good veterans do. I wanted to be able to tell a positive story about local veterans and their passions using lifestyle portraits,” said Geer. “I started shooting over a year ago with a goal of 25 portraits, now I have a total of 28 portraits in the show. It started with a couple vets I knew then grew through word of mouth. Because of this, I was able to meet so many interesting people that I otherwise might not have met. I hope that people attending the show will be able to see veterans in a different, positive light,” said Geer.

Jason Geer served from 1990-1994 with most of his time spent on the west coast. He was stationed on the USS California, CGN 36, in Bremerton, Washington.
MSU-Northern Welcomes Our New AmeriCorps VISTA Coordinator

Please welcome AmeriCorps VISTA, Teresa White, to our Northern community. Teresa received her bachelor's degree in English and music from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, in May of this year. She will work alongside Curtis Smeby, Teachers of Promise Pathways (TOPP) Project Director, on the TOPP initiative for the next 12 months. Teresa’s office is located in Cowan Hall, Room 315C.

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), founded in 1965, is an anti-poverty program designed to provide needed resources to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to increase their capacity to lift communities out of poverty. AmeriCorps VISTA provides opportunities for Americans 18 or older from diverse backgrounds to dedicate a year of full-time service with an organization to create or expand programs designed to empower individuals and communities to overcome poverty. The power of AmeriCorps VISTA is extraordinary and brings talented, passionate people on board to create or enhance anti-poverty programs by expanding your organization’s capacity.

New Facility in Havre Provides New Opportunities for Students
Montana Premium Processing Cooperative is nearing completion of the new meat processing facility in Havre, which will be able to process beef, pork, lamb, and bison in the coming months.

This new facility provides some opportunities for MSU-Northern as it looks into multiple pathways for the implementation of a meat-cutting curriculum. The facility also creates the opportunity for hands-on training through student internships. After touring the new facility, the group of dignitaries, including a representative of the Federal USDA, toured Northern's facilities.

To learn more about the facility and becoming a member, people can visit [http://www.mtpremiumprocessing.com](http://www.mtpremiumprocessing.com).

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**New Things in the Library**

- **Library Finals Week Cookies & Coffee**: The library will have free cookies and coffee available every day during Finals Week, **Monday through Friday, December 12-16**, from **3 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

- New brochure now available at select locations in Havre and on the library’s Archival webpage for the Louis & Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Montana Plains Indian, courtesy of MSU-N student Ethan Davison. **Click here to download the Museum Brochure...**

- Library Director, Patricia Dubosky, will serve a 3-year term (11/2021 – 6/25) as appointee of Commissioner of Higher Education to the Montana State Library Commission.

- The library has a trial database, **DigitalTheatre-Plus** through the end of December 2022: [https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com](https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com) This database provides online access to a digital streaming video collection of unique films of current, leading British theatre productions. Includes behind-the-scenes documentaries as well as teaching and learning resources to facilitate a deeper understanding of the productions and texts.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Residence Halls Closed for Winter Break**

Halls will be closed from 12 pm on December 16 until 9 am on January 9 for Winter Break. ALL students wanting to stay over the break MUST have a 1 on 1 meeting with Taryn Wallon BEFORE permission is granted.
Book Buy Back
Tuesday – Thursday, Dec 13-15 9am – 1pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cowboy Christmas – Dec. 10
MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club Presents the 22nd Annual Cowboy Christmas at the Armory Gym (No Host Cocktails begin at 5pm/Dinner at 6pm followed by music and auction).

Stress Relieving Activities – Next Week
Tuesday and Thursday, various stress reliever and finals prep activities (arts and crafts, gaming, sensory awareness, tutoring, relax and study) available in the SUB from 7 p – 11 pm

NEXT WEEK’S CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3
• Skylight Basketball vs Carroll College - 2:00 PM
• Lights Basketball vs Carroll College - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 6
• Skylight Basketball @ Dickinson State University - 5:30 PM

Thursday, December 8
• Skylight Basketball vs Briercrest College - 12 AM

Friday, December 9
• Lights Basketball vs Corban University @ Helena - 5:00 PM
• MAT Theatre “The Play that Goes Wrong” 8 PM

Saturday, December 10
• Skylight Basketball @ Montana State University-Billings - 4:45 PM
• Lights Basketball vs Busnell University @ Helena - 5:00 PM
Cowboy Christmas - Armory Gym - Dinner at 6 PM
MAT Theatre “The Play that Goes Wrong” 8 PM

Sunday, December 11
Midnight Breakfast - 9pm Dining Services

(#378) Northern Athletic Hall of Fame

Earlier this fall Northern inducted Kino Detrick, Sam Schermele, Natalee Fauple, Stryder Davis, Travis Noble, 1991 National Championship Wrestling Team and the 1992 National Championship Wrestling Team into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Since its inception in 1994 the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame now has inducted 88 individuals and two teams (these are the first two teams to be inducted).

Here is a link to see the entire list of all current Hall of Famers; MSU-Northern Athletic Hall of Fame List

Do you know someone that should be in the Hall of Fame? By my really rough estimate Northern has probably had more than 4,500 student athletes and coaches in its history. If you have followed Northern athletics over any period of time, you probably can think of a few that you strongly believe should be in the Hall of Fame.

Did you know that anyone can submit a nomination? Here is the form if you are interested in submitting a nomination. MSU-Northern Hall of Fame Nomination Form While there is not yet a deadline for the 2023 induction class, now is the time to be thinking of those nominations.

While there are other items needed to complete the nomination, it all starts with the initial nomination. Read below for the Selection Committee Guidelines and Criteria:

MSU-Northern Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee Guidelines
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, for outstanding and meritorious service to MSUNorthern Athletics, may also be recognized.

Hall of Fame honorees are presented with a commemorative award in ceremonies on campus and are included in the Athletic Hall of Fame display in the Armory Gymnasium.
The MSU-Northern Athletics Hall of Fame selection committee includes two representatives from the MSU-Northern Athletics Department, the Athletic Director at MSU-Northern, one MSU-Northern faculty member and two or more community representatives. Membership of the committee may be adjusted at any time by vote of the MSU-Northern Athletics Department.

The Selection Committee meets at least once each year to consider nominations for election to the Athletic Hall of Fame. The election of any person into the Hall of Fame requires a quorum consisting of four of the six members and a three-fourths \((3/4)\) vote of those voting representatives for induction. For convenience, voting may be completed by electronic voting (including but not limited to the use of e-mails).

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, including conference, district and national honors and awards;
- achievements and honors since graduation/leaving Northern;
- professional and service accomplishments;
- other honors and awards;
- and a biographical sketch;
- three letters of support, with preference of, but not required from any of the following: the president, chancellor, dean or athletic director of the nominee’s institution, present or past coaches, or present or former teammate.

Once made, nominations are kept among the permanent records of the MSU-Northern Athletics Department and may be carried forward in subsequent years at the discretion of the committee.

The main criteria for selection into the Athletic Hall of Fame is the achievement of individual athletic honors in the sport being considered. Consideration will be given for years participated at Northern and the number and type of All-Conference, All-District, and All-American honors achieved at Northern.

Once selected, the recipient will be required to submit a recent photograph of themselves.

**Categories & Criteria for Election**

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria whenever possible. If there are extenuating circumstances and the Selection Committee feels that a nominee is deserving, they may waive certain aspects.

**Athlete:**

1. The nominee must have graduated from an accredited four-year, degree granting institution.
2. At least two (2) years of his or her intercollegiate athletic competition must have been at Northern.
3. The nominee is eligible for nomination five (5) years after he or she has completed collegiate eligibility.
4. The nominee must have attained recognition in a sport. This recognition may include academic All-American designation.
5. The nominee must be of high moral character.

Coach:
1. The nominee must have coached a sport or sports a minimum of ten (10) years.
   OR
2. The nominee must have coached at Northern for at least five (5) years.
3. The nominee must have attained recognition in their sport.
4. The nominee must be of high moral character.

Meritorious Service:
1. The nominee must have been involved in a sport for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
2. The nominee must have a maximum of their service to Montana sports.
3. The nominee must have attained state or national recognition.
4. The nominee must be of high moral character.

If you would like assistance with completing a nomination form, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help you out. Please contact me at wjianier1963@yahoo.com

Have a great day!