

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

Pease Goes Bald for the Cause



At the beginning of the school year Norton Pease challenged the campus that if they gave over \$4,800 to the United Way he would shave his head. On Monday he made good on his promise. The campus raised \$5023 this year for the United Way that is well over twice what they raised last year. Way to go campus! Chancellor Groseth said he had been thinking of letting the “Turkey” go free but then he decided that people paid good money to see this happen and he did not what let them down.

Cabin Fever Schedules

The Cabin Fever Schedules are available at the Office of Extended Learning.

Campus Christmas Party

Rolf and Jaynee Groseth will be hosting a holiday reception for all MSU-Northern employees and their guest...

Sunday, December 14
2:00-5:00 pm.
1325 11th Avenue.

Please join us for good company & delicious food prepared by our great Food Service staff!

For your convenience - Men's Basketball has been asked, and happily accepted, to help make your arrival a safe and easy one at Chancellor Groseth's party on Sunday. There is a 100% chance of snow tomorrow (6-8 inches possible) and -8 degree weather predicted for Sunday. So...as an added measure of convenience, the MBB team we will be acting as a valet service on Sunday, as well as a shuttle service.

The guys decided it may be more comfortable for you to drive to the Chancellor's front door. Therefore, they will be there to park your vehicle at the nearby Church and retrieve it when you are ready to leave. If you would like to park your own car, truck, van, SUV, four-wheeler, tractor, or whatever-you-drive, we are prepared to use the Tilleman-Motors-shuttle-van as well.

Please note: The Physical Plant has graciously offered to plow and shovel so the driving for all will be safe between the Chancellor's house and the church.

Campus Holiday Party



Student Senate, IOC (Inter Organizational Council), Northern's Food Services and several campus clubs came together to put on Northern's Campus Holiday Party last night. There was a fabulous meal and several activities for kids to enjoy like cookie decorating, Putt-putt golf and there was even a visit from Santa Clause. They had a 50/50 raffle and raised \$215 for the Angel Tree Project

Students Raise Money for Havre Food Bank



On Thursday, December 11th the Small Group Communication class (Speech 240) presented the Havre Food bank with a check for 1,780.30. This is the result of getting a lot of personal and business donations from around the area and then conducting four raffles of those items. We want to thank everyone who donated and who purchased a raffle ticket.

More Ball Winners

Barb Mooney and Val Hickman each won two tickets to attend the 2009 We Love Northern Ball to be held on Saturday, February 7th.

The table is sponsored by Chancellor Groseth and was offered to any classified employee who has never attended the ball in the past. The employees had to submit their name for a drawing and Barb and Val were the lucky winners of the December drawing. Reminder, Wanda McKinney and Chris Wendland won the drawing in November.

Thanks to all of you that entered into the drawing. Even if you did not win you can purchase tickets from a number of employees who are members of the committee. Please call Debbie Ritz or Kathy Jaynes and they will be sure that you someone contacts you.

Have Fun at the Ball – Barb, Val, Wanda and Chris!!!

Bob Siebrasse Passed Away

Former Northern Montana College faculty member Bob Siebrasse died last Thursday. Bob started our Agriculture program in 1953 and served as a faculty member from 1953-1981. Some of the other things Bob did during his time at Northern are:

- Bob worked with a group of students to put together a constitution and bylaws for the Western Club and got it approved by the College.
- Bob served as the club advisor for a number of years.
- Bob served as the Acting Dean of the Vo-Tech Division at NMC
- Bob served as President of the faculty senate at NMC
- Each year Bob's Horticulture Class spent a couple of labs pruning, shaping and planting trees on campus

Open Forum for Chancellor's Search

MSU President Dr. Geoff Gamble and Commissioner Dr. Sheila Stearns will be visiting MSU-Northern on Tuesday, December 16th to meet with various campus and community groups to discuss the Chancellor's Search. The community is invited to an Open Forum at 1:00 p.m. -1:45 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium so bring your questions and your ideas.

Flags at Half-Staff

By order of Governor Schweitzer, all U.S. and Montana flags in the State of Montana will be flown at half-staff on Thursday morning, December 11th to honor the memory of Representative George Grosebeck, a Montana Legislator from Butte.

Further, all flags flown in the State of Montana are to remain lowered through Saturday, December 13th to honor the memory of George Turman who served with distinction as the Mayor of Missoula, as a member of Montana's Legislature, as a member of the Public Service Commission and as Montana's Lt. Governor. George Turman was a respected statesman who served his state and community with dignity, intelligence and generosity.

MAT Presents Season's Greetings and Santaland Diaries



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present two short monologues entitled Season's Greetings and Santaland Diaries by David Sedaris in the MSU-Northern Little Theatre on December 12-13 and 19-20 at 8:00 p.m.

Lounge opens at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 Adults and \$8 for Seniors/Students. MSU-Northern Students are free with current student ID. Adult content: Not appropriate for children.

Computer Tips

Tis the Season... for Holiday Scams (part 2)

By Marianne Hoppe

Fake charities

Is that sound holiday carolers at your door? No. It's kids selling magazines to support a local scam artist -- oops, "charity".

Many charities will come knocking, calling or mailing you for donations because during the holidays. Unfortunately, many of those so-called charities are fakes.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, many of the calls you get this year will be from scam artists. The FTC has a checklist of warning signs (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt114.shtm>) to help you steer clear of charity scams. Your best bet is to not make any quick decisions, ask for information in writing and research the charity before cutting any checks.

Online auction scams

"Let the buyer beware" is especially relevant when applied to online auctions. Accept the fact that you are dealing with a nameless, faceless salesperson that could disappear at any time.

Bid wisely and pay for items using PayPal or your credit card so you can cancel payment if you don't receive your merchandise -- or if you receive that tea set you were bidding on only to discover that it is dollhouse-sized.

The high-pressure sale

Perhaps the most annoying scam is the legal one: the high-pressure sale. It can happen anywhere -- the mall, the car lot, or over the phone. "We have only two of these carrot juicers left. After these are gone, I won't have any more," and "This is a special price just for you, so take it or leave it because I am just about to close up shop."

Rest assured, there are lots of carrot juicers in the world, and if one person is willing to give you a "good deal" on it, someone else will too. Go home, research the product and prices online, and save yourself from paying too much.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 12

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Skylights Basketball @ Minot State University 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

MAT presents "Santaland Diaries" 8:00 PM

Dec. 13

Skylights Basketball vs. Jamestown College @ Minot 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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Dec. 15

Finals Week

Book Buy Back 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dec. 16

Chancellor Search meetings

Finals Week

Book Buy Back 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Skylights Basketball vs. University of Lethbridge 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Dec. 17

Finals Week

Book Buy Back 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Skylights Basketball vs. Bellhaven 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Dec. 18

Finals Week

Book Buy Back 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dec. 19

Fall Semester Ends

Graduation Applications Due

Finals Week

Book Buy Back 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Dec. 20

Skylights Basketball @ University of Montana 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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