

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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Last issue for 2011

The Northern Network News will be shutting down for the Holidays and will resume next semester on January 13.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Ice Grippers



MSU-Northern's annual Christmas tree lighting took place on Monday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Cowan Hall. This year the university gave all staff and faculty a present designed to promote safe outdoor winter activities, which was attachable shoe spikes (Ice Grippers) to combat the treacherous Montana ice this winter. The Ice Grippers go over shoes or boots and help improve traction on the ice and snow.

A "Safety Smart Grant" from the Montana University System Self-Funded Workers Compensation program funded the gift. Sue Ost wrote the grant proposal for the one-time funds. The grant paid for the grippers, and no funds were withdrawn from MSU-Northern's operating budget. Dr. Carol Reifschneider came up with the idea of wrapping the Ice Grippers up as holiday gifts. Giving the shoe attachments as gifts added fun to functionality. Anyone who has not yet received their Ice Grippers can come to Business Services, and for those employees in other locations, such as Lewistown, Great Falls, and grant employees at other sites, we can mail the gift to you.

YouthBuild House Moved



MSU-Northern's YouthBuild program spent approximately 1100 student hours in framing this house, and now it is time for the house to become a home. This week the house was moved to a new location where it will become a home for a family in Rocky Boy as the house was purchased by the Chippewa Cree tribe. YouthBuild prefers to make agreements with buyers before beginning a project so the program can remain self-sustaining. The program is dedicated to providing job-site, work related experiences and focuses on providing housing for low-income families and individuals and community based projects. Though the house frame is finished, YouthBuild has not stopped their rigorous work. They are currently working on the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump Visitor Center, a partnership project with the Hill County Commissioners.

Education Students Make Final Presentation



This week many of Northern's education students took part in an Exit Celebration. This event was designed to let people celebrate with the education students as they shared their portfolios and student teaching experiences and to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

SAF Presents Access Grant Funds



Natalie Nefzger, Student Assistance Foundation Outreach Manager, presented Dr. Joseph Callahan, Interim Chancellor, a check for \$37,579, MSU-Northern's share of the Access Grant funds for 2011-2012. SAF, a non-profit organization, provides resources and services to Montana students. These funds have already been awarded to incoming freshman and/or transfer students. Thank you Student Assistance Foundation!

Finals Schedule for Fall 2011

Class is on M W F at: Final is:

8:00 - 8:50	Wednesday 10:00 - 11:50
9:00 - 9:50	Thursday 10:00 - 11:50
10:00 - 10:50	Monday 1:00 - 2:50
11:00 - 11:50	Tuesday 1:00 - 2:50
12:00 - 12:50	Wednesday 1:00 - 2:50
1:00 - 1:50	Monday 3:00 - 4:50
2:00 - 2:50	Tuesday 3:00 - 4:50
3:00 - 3:50	Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50
4:00 - 4:50	Monday 8:00 - 9:50

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2:00 - 3:50	Monday 10:00 - 11:50
4:00 - 5:50	Tuesday 10:00 - 11:50

Evening Classes: Final examinations for evening classes are given at their regular class meeting times.

Book Buy Back

Get some holiday cash! Book Buy Back hours are during Finals Week, December 12th-16th, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the MSU-Northern Bookstore in the Student Union Building. Remember to bring all CDs, Supplemental Materials and Receipts with your textbooks! Call or e-mail with questions: 265-3728 or bookstore@msun.edu.

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 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/>.

Scholarship Applications Now Available

2012-2013 Continuing Student Scholarship Applications are now available! Students can apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo:

https://atlas.montana.edu:9002/pls/hvagent/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepageor they can complete a paper version of the form at <http://msun.edu/stuaffairs/finaid/pdf/ScholarshipApp12-13.pdf>.

Last year we awarded almost \$156,000 in our continuing student scholarships.

We encourage students to apply online and try and stay as "green" as possible. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 406-265-3787 or finaid@msun.edu with any questions. The deadline for the application is January 27th, 2012, so Apply Now!

Schwenke Named Player of the Week

MSU-Northern guard Laramie Schwenke has been selected Frontier Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Schwenke, the 5-foot-8 guard from Malta, averaged 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists while helping lead the Skylights to a 2-1 record last week. She shot 50% from the field, while going 10-19 from downtown. Over the past five games Schwenke has made a total of 104 points and 20 three-point field goals. The Skylights moved to 9-1 over the weekend, one game better than 5th-ranked LC-State. Congratulations Laramie Schwenke!



Northern Remembers Pearl Harbor



Sons and Daughters
of
Pearl Harbor Survivors



All flags at MSU-Northern were flown at half-staff on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, Pearl Harbor Day, to honor those who died as a result of their service to Pearl Harbor seventy years ago.

Northern's Director of Human Resources, Kathy Jaynes is the daughter of a Pearl Harbor survivor. Her dad, Stephen P. Warren was 20 years old when he was on the USS Elviva at the time of the bombing. Now he is 90 years old and was unable to make the long trip to Hawaii to celebrate with the other survivors. Jaynes grew up hearing stories of the bombing. Jaynes writes about her father this way:

"My dad, Stephen P. Warren, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to serve on the U.S.S. Arizona in 1941. At the time, it was anchored in Long Beach, CA but scheduled to sail for Pearl Harbor along with the rest of the Pacific Fleet to provide a deterrent against Japanese aggression. Just before they shipped out, my dad had his wisdom teeth pulled and had to remain in port due to some complications from the oral surgery. The U.S.S. Arizona left without him and he was assigned to another ship, the U.S.S. Elvida. The Elvida arrived in Pearl Harbor a few days after the Arizona and was docked at the mouth of the harbor. My dad said that his ship probably wasn't attacked because it was so much smaller than the big ships such as the Arizona and the Pennsylvania. He has told us many sad stories of trying to help the survivors on that terrible day. My dad is now 90 years old. We aren't sure how many survivors are left, but he is one of a very small group of special people. He told me that the last two Pearl Harbor survivors are supposed to get together, share a bottle of whiskey, and talk about old times. I hope he is one of them."

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.

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.

"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.

The Forgotten Carols



Montana Actors Theatre is 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.

Appreciation Dinner



The first Annual Holiday Season student appreciation barbeque was held on Thursday, December 8 in the Industrial Lab of the Applied Technology Center. Over 350 students, faculty and staff enjoyed

hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and all the trimmings cooked and served by Diesel Technology students. Food and beverages were sponsored by the Diesel industry corporations and the College of Technical sciences. What a great way to end the semester and prepare for finals week.

Native American Classic

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 at 406-265-3536 (Work).

Positions Available 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 approx. 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

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Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 tip

Quickly transpose Excel data using Paste

Suppose you've entered your data into a spreadsheet, but after working with it for a while you decide you'd rather have the current set of rows running across the columns instead. Whatever you do, don't even think about rekeying the data!

1. Select the data that you want to transpose and copy it to the Clipboard using **Ctrl C**
2. Click on a new location in your sheet (you can't paste it into the cells you just copied)
3. Click the **Home** tab (if necessary)
4. Click the **Paste** dropdown in the Clipboard group
5. Click the **Transpose** icon (the last icon in the second row)

That's it! Excel's Paste feature quickly transposes the data.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

The MSU-Northern wrestling team is off to a great start. Currently ranked 8th, they have a 5-2 dual record, with their only two losses coming to the current #1 and #2 ranked NAIA teams, Southern Oregon and UGF, in the NAIA. The 5 dual wins equal the dual win total from the past two years. The Lights are lead by defending National Champion, Evan Hinebaugh who has a season record of 21-3. Evan has a record of 84-21 the past three years.