

## Northern Christmas Tree Lighting



Last Friday Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. As usual, it was a lovely event full of warmth and Christmas cheer. Matthew Huse was on hand to throw the large switch. The glowing tree always brings just the right amount of festive flair to the entryway of Cowan Hall.

## Cowboy Christmas



Last Saturday MSU-Northern's Rodeo Booster Club and Team hosted their annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. This fun-filled event is the team's primary fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team 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. Betty Clark was honored by the team for her generous and long-standing contributions to Northern's rodeo program. Betty Clark, you make Northern Proud!

## Fall Semester Graduation Reception



This week MSU-N's fall graduates were able to celebrate their accomplishments with family and friends at a brief ceremony and reception held in their honor. As far as we can determine, this is the first time in Northern's history that the college has honored the students who graduated in December. Provost William Rugg and Chancellor Greg Kegel were on hand to provide some words of thanks, encouragement and challenge. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to hearing about and seeing what their futures hold.

## MSU-Northern Community Choir Concert



The MSU-N Community Choir has been very active throughout this Christmas season. They were part of the Piano and Pipes performers, and they held their own free concert for the public. It was great to see members of the Havre and MSU-N community join together to make beautiful Christmas music.

## Tryouts for Grease



Havre's Montana Actors' Theatre is beginning a new project, the famous musical "Grease." Auditions for the musical took place this week. All adults (18-88) were encouraged to audition. If you missed the auditions and are interested in helping with the play, the directors may have a spot for you, or they may need help with backstage jobs. For more information, please contact Donald at 945-4144 or Rachel at 399-3992.

## MSU-Northern Announces Head Football Coach Finalists

Three candidates for the head football coaching position at Montana State University-Northern have emerged as finalists. Each candidate will be in Havre next week for on campus interviews and community open forums. The three finalists are: Ryan Gatch, Kelly Bills, and Aaron Christensen.

The interviews and forums will take place next week beginning with Gatch on Monday (Dec. 15), followed by Bills on Wednesday (Dec. 17), and Christensen on Thursday (Dec. 18). All open forums will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium in Northern's Applied Technology Center.

Ryan Gatch is currently the Head Football Coach/Physical Education Instructor at Deadwood High School in Lead, South Dakota. During the past 14 years he has worked at numerous colleges including MSU-Northern and has worked with the outside linebackers, defensive line, offensive line, linebackers, strength and conditioning, camp coordinator, and recruiting coordinator. Gatch has an M.S. in education, health, physical

education, and recreation from Chadron State College and a B.S. in education, physical education (K-12), with a minor in geography and coaching from Dickinson State University.

Kelly Bills is currently the Offensive Coordinator and Quarterback Coach at Willamette University where he leads all aspects of an offense that has scored a record 40 points per game for the past two seasons. Prior to his role at Willamette, he served as Offensive Graduate Assistant at Brigham Young University from 2008-2012. During this time period, BYU's offense ranked among the top in the nation in multiple metrics. He has coached every position on offense at the Division I level and has coached several current and former NFL players during his time at BYU. Bills has a B.A. in history from Brigham Young University.

Aaron Christensen is currently the Offensive Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator at Missouri Valley College. Christiansen has coached at the NAIA level for over 10 seasons. During this time, he has been able to work as a Running Back Coach, Video Coordinator, Passing Game Coordinator, and Wide Receivers' Coach. He has been part of four consecutive HAAC Championships and four NAIA Playoff appearances over the past four seasons (including a NAIA Semi-Final Appearance in 2012). Christensen has an M.A. in management from Lindenwood University and a B.A. in management from Si Tanka Huron University.

"We had 62 very qualified applicants for this position, and I believe we have identified three finalists who possess different experiences and unique qualities that make them outstanding candidates to lead the Lights football program," said Christian Oberquell, MSU-Northern's Athletic Director.

After the candidates have visited campus, the search committee will compile a list of pros and cons for each candidate based on the input they receive from the evaluation forms people fill out at the meetings. Chancellor Greg Kegel and Athletic Director Christian Oberquell will review all of the information and will make the final decision. No official date has been set for naming the new Head Football Coach. The Head Football Coach Search Committee is composed of representatives from the campus and community.

## **Northern Alum Named Montana Assistant Principal of the Year**

Tara Rosipal, the assistant principal at North Middle School in Great Falls, recently received the honor and title of 2015 Montana Assistant Principal of the Year. This honor was given by the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals and was awarded due to outstanding collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and personalization. Rosipal has been an assistant principal at North since 2011 and a school administrator for the past nine years.

Kirk Miller, executive director of the School Administrators of Montana said, "Ms. Rosipal is an excellent example of outstanding leadership in our Montana schools and is a great representative as Montana's Assistant Principal of the Year. Her beliefs that communication, empowerment, and integrity are vital attributes of leadership are what propel her to the top of her field. She leads by example in helping her leadership team move forward while not forgetting what is already working."

Rosipal graduated from MSU-Northern in 2006 with her Master of Education Degree. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Great Falls. Rosipal will join honorees from the other U.S. states for a recognition program that will occur in the spring of 2015 in Washington D.C. Congratulations Tara, you make Northern proud!

## **Toth Recipe Receives National Attention**

Northern's Dining Services Manager, Becky Toth had her "Ginger Doodles" recipe published in the latest issue of Taste of Home magazine. "When I was a kid, both of my grandmas helped me learn to bake, and I've been doing it ever since. My two brothers like snickerdoodles and I like gingersnaps. These cookies make all of us happy," explained Toth. These famous cookies will be served at Northern's Holiday Open House which will take place this weekend at the Chancellor's house. I can hardly wait to try them. Way to go Becky, you make Northern Proud!



## Dean Joins the Northern Family



MSU-Northern is pleased to announce Rachel Dean as the new Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Dean replaced Debbie Ritz who retired in October. Dean comes to Northern with an impressive list of achievements which include an M.A. in Creative Writing and Literature from Harvard Extension School and a B.A. in English Writing and Speech Communication from Concordia College. She was the Development Director for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line and was instrumental in starting several successful fundraising campaigns. She is also the Production Manager for the Montana Actor's Theatre and has directed or acted in many of their productions including *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Chicago*. She is currently co-directing "Grease." Rachel... Welcome to Northern.

## Announcements

### See You Next Semester!

This is the last NNN for this semester. We will be back after the spring semester starts. Enjoy your holiday break!

## Upcoming Events

### Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical - Dec. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 23

Montana Actors' Theatre presents "Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical" which is the sequel to last year's very popular production of the "Great American Trailer Park Musical." The show features most of the original cast and a live band.

The setting of the story is a trailer park called Armadillo Acres in Florida. The plot contains a bit of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" themes, but portrays them in a more modern way. The show's website describes it this way:

"Holiday time at North Florida's Armadillo Acres means everyone's filled with warmth and beer. But when a freak bout of amnesia strikes the trailer park Scrooge, neighborly love is put to the test. With Betty, Lin and Pickles on hand to amp up the fracas and festivity, this all-new, all-trailer-park musical is just as much of a cat-fightin', sun-worshippin', chair-throwin' good time as the original - but with tinsel and Keg Nog." "I would describe it as trashy and fun," said director Pam Veis. The show contains offensive language and is not for children. Shows are: December 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 23. Doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors, and MSU-N students are admitted free of charge with their current Northern I.D.s.

# Weekly Articles

## Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Now that fall has passed and we are entering the holiday break, the sporting focus turns to wrestling and basketball. First, congratulations to Ethan Hinebauch for breaking the career pin record for MSU-Northern (there will be a future TidBit on Ethan).

Second, did you know that coming into the 2014-15 basketball season Coach Huse and Coach Mouat have a combined win total of 418? They have continued to add to that number as the Lights are 7-3 and the Skylights are a sparkling 14-0 and ranked 17th. As of 12/10/2014 their combined record is 439-245.

Have a great holiday, and see you in 2015.

## The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Windows 8 Tip Internet Explorer

Click the Internet Explorer (IE) tile from the Start screen and you'll launch a full-screen version of IE that doesn't have toolbars, menus or sidebars. Like a lot of things in Windows 8, this may leave you feeling more than a little lost. Right-click an empty part of the page or flick your finger down from the top of the screen, though, and you'll find options to create and switch between tabs, as well as a Refresh button, and a 'Find' tool.

If you want to have the address bar and tabs always be displayed: swipe in from the right side of the screen and bring up the charms menu. Below **Settings** select **Options**, and in the Options you can turn On **"Always show address bar and tabs"**.

If you want your old Internet Explorer back, you can either go to the desktop and then open IE, or you can open IE from the Start screen, bring up the address bar/tabs as described above and click the wrench icon. From there you can and select **"View on the desktop"** to open the full desktop version of Internet Explorer.

## Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

### Addressing your Holiday Envelopes

Many people send out holiday greetings through the postal service. It's a custom that hasn't seemed to fade away, even with the technology advances of our generation. So when you are addressing your season's greetings, how do you make surnames plural?

Which is correct? "The Curtis's" or "The Curtises"?

The former looks cleaner, but the latter is correct. Here's a hint: Even though it may look funny, add "es" to the end of last names that end in "ch," "sh," "x," "z," and "s," and add a simple "s" to the other last names. An apostrophe is unnecessary unless you are striving to include a possessive on your holiday card like this:

To: The Foxes' Funny Family

If you'd like to avoid the plural and apostrophe confusion altogether, simply take this alternative route and address your cards in a manner similar to this:

The Rudolph Family

123 Candy cane Lane  
North Pole, TW 12345

Impress your family and friends this holiday season by being grammatically correct on all your cards and Christmas mailings. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year filled with joy and cheer.

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