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## NEWS & NOTES

[bi-weekly newsletter to keep you informed]

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### Has Winter Arrived?

The calendar still says fall, but as you know, "old man winter" has stopped in for a visit. Please take your time when traveling and bundle up when going outside. Ed Binkley has ice cleats available as provided by our workers' comp system, which are free to you (one pair per person). Please email him your shoe size and a pair will be delivered: [ebinkley@gfmsu.edu](mailto:ebinkley@gfmsu.edu).

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### Ted Talks

GFC MSU will host TedxGreatFalls on Saturday, December 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall with a social hour to follow. From the event website, "The theme is to showcase inspiring stories of the local region. The diverse group of people present will be able to learn from one another, both as speakers and as

attendees, and will leave the conference driven to creatively improve our collective future." Scheduled speakers include Nate Bickford, Jacob Cowgill, Kit Jackson, Tom Jacobson, Tammy Lacey, Jeff Patterson, Bob Quinn, Jim Robbins, and Dave Snuggs. To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.tedxgreatfalls.com/home-1.html>.

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### **Holiday Luncheon/Great Falls Great Friends**

The annual GFC MSU Holiday Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013. An email has been sent out by Lisa Albert sharing the Employee Event Committee's plans for the event:

Potluck - Sign Up Online: The Employee Event Committee is trying something new this year in order to ensure there is enough food for everyone. A menu has been planned and volunteers will bring ingredients to be used to make the side dishes or bring desserts. The Committee will prepare the meal for you. All food items should be delivered ahead of time so that any missing items may be purchased as needed. Cash donations are welcome if you would like to leave the shopping to the Committee (please see Lisa Albert no later than Tuesday, December 10). To sign up to bring a food item, visit [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EADAC2CA3FA7-annual](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EADAC2CA3FA7-annual). The menu will consist of roasted turkey, glazed ham, wild rice casserole\*, steamed broccoli & carrots\*, green bean casserole, fresh green salad\*, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, rolls & butter, and assorted desserts. (\* denotes vegan friendly)

Special Guests: 18 Malmstrom airmen have been invited to join us for this festive event as GFC MSU's way to welcome them to our Campus and our Community by participating in the Great Falls Great Friends Program. This program is spearheaded by Malmstrom Air Force Base and partnered with the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The program is intended to partner the airmen and a local family in our community to build a strong lasting friendship with the airmen who live and work in our community. Many of our young airmen, who have just left home, are in need of the support and friendship the sponsorship program provides.

Entertainment: Led by Darryl Stevens, the Campus Choir has been revived!

Ugly Sweater Contest: Wear your ugliest sweater to the luncheon and win the

coveted Ugliest Sweater Trophy!



*Ken Wardinsky, the winner of the 2012 Ugly Sweater Contest.*

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### **Toys for Tots**

The ASGFCMSU (Student Government) is sponsoring "Toys for Tots" on campus through December 13. The donation bin is located in the Atrium in front of the Help Desk. Please help make the holidays special for children in the Great Falls community by donating a new, unwrapped toy to the collection bin. If you or someone you know would like a child to receive gifts from Toys for Tots, you may register at the Salvation Army Family Services, 527 9 Avenue South, through December 6. Contact Cynthia Stevens at 771-4324 or [cynthia.stevens@gfcmu.edu](mailto:cynthia.stevens@gfcmu.edu) for additional information and a handout regarding

this opportunity.

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### **Holidays in the Weaver Library**

Holiday decorations are starting to pop up around campus! The Weaver Library staff has crafted a beautiful "Book Tree" to celebrate the holiday season! What a wonderful, creative idea! Please send any photos you may have of your area to share in the next *News & Notes*.



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### **Respiratory Care and Beyond...**

Each year, the senior respiratory care students participate in several service projects in the community, which consist of teaching at the high schools, assisting in health fairs, and other projects that promote healthy living in the community. This fall, one of the proposed class projects was to raise money to support the Special Olympics. This Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m., several students from the health sciences programs will participate in the Special Olympics' "Polar Plunge" during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Great Falls Association Christmas Stroll.

As part of this event, the respiratory care students felt that if they were going to freeze their tails off, they shouldn't do it alone. Brian Jensen, a senior respiratory care student, visited with several other health science programs in the school including dental, nursing, radiology, nutrition, EMS, surgical technology, and medical assistants to encourage participation. Brian explained that the mission of GFC MSU students participating in this event is twofold. First, the students will be supporting Special Olympics, which on its own is a worthwhile cause. Additionally, while participating in the "Polar Plunge," the students are taking pride in their school and professions while promoting each. Great Falls will know that the students of GFC MSU support this community.

In an effort to raise interest among the health sciences programs, Brian played a joke telling each program that there were rumors in the school that some programs are just better than the others! Several of the groups took this to heart and have done an amazing job raising money for Special Olympics. Students have raised over \$2,900 so far. Several students will be jumping in matching outfits this Friday. Please go the website to donate to this worthy cause and to view the donations already raised: <http://www.firstgiving.com/mtletr/great-falls-polar-bear-plunge/teams>. GFC MSU teams are the "GFC MSU Molar Bears," "Public Enemas #1," and "It Snot Easy Being This Cool."

Thank you to Brian Jensen for spearheading this project. Great Falls College MSU is proud to have you and your fellow health sciences students supporting the Special Olympics and our community!

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### **Bountiful Bread a Success!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bountiful Breads for our

Malmstrom airmen. The homemade breads were greatly appreciated by all who were not able to spend time at home with their families during Thanksgiving.

*Cheryl Stanley and Dr. Wolff with GFC MSU's Bountiful Bread donations for Malmstrom AFB.*

With Christmas just around the corner, GFC MSU will be supporting Malmstrom's "Santa's Helpers" by baking Christmas cookies for the airmen. Many of the airmen will be spending their first Christmas away from their families and working. This is a small but meaningful way for us to let them know we are thinking of them on this special holiday and are here to support them.



## *Santa's Helpers*

Many Malmstrom Airmen will be working on Christmas Day. We want to give them a special treat by providing delicious goodies. What can you do to help? Bake...

- \*Cookies, bars, fun holiday treats, any of your family favorites.
- \*Please put half a dozen in each baggie.
- \*Please label the type of cookie and if they contain nuts.
- \*Feel free to bake ahead and freeze!
- \*Drop off by December 19 to Dr. Wolff's Office

*Thank you for your support!*



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### **Project Homeless Connect**

The Second Annual Project Homeless Connect is scheduled for January 25, 2014

at GFC MSU. The "Pack the Pack Campaign" is underway. In collaboration with the Weaver Library and in support of Project Homeless Connect, Cynthia Stevens, Student Activities Coordinator, is taking donations to fill backpacks for guests of the event. Items included in each backpack are to be full-size, gender neutral products: razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash, shampoo, conditioner, body wash or body soap, deodorant, dental floss, and shaving cream or gel. She will be happy to shop for you if you would prefer a cash donation. Cynthia is also collecting pillow cases so the guests will have a bag to carry the items they receive while attending the event. The pillow cases can hold several items, are sturdier than plastic or paper, and can be used for other purposes. Contact Cynthia at [cynthia.stevens@gfmsu.edu](mailto:cynthia.stevens@gfmsu.edu), 771-4324, or in office C116 in Student Central.

eLearning and the Weaver Library have joined forces with the Developmental Education and Transfer Division to host a "Books, Blankets, and Sleeping Bags Drive" to support Project Homeless Connect. The collection bins for this drive are located in the Atrium, South Court and the Learning Center.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect, please call 406.268.3726.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Ted Talks (<http://tedxgreatfalls.com>) Dec. 7, 1:00-5:00 pm in Heritage Hall*
- *Holiday Luncheon December 13 - 11:30 am - Heritage Hall*
- *College in a Day - January 6*
- *Project Homeless Connect January 25 - 10:00 am - Campus Wide*
- *2nd Annual Higher Education Celebration January 30 - 5:00 pm - Atrium*