Claudia Neuhauser, Ph.D., director of the U of M Informatics Institute (UMII) on the Twin Cities campus, will visit UMC on Wednesday morning, April 16. Her schedule includes a presentation and Q&A session on UMII from 8 to 9 a.m., a tour of the 3D immersive lab from 9 to 10 a.m., and a meeting with interested faculty and staff from 10 to 11 a.m. The presentation and meeting with the faculty will take place in Bede Ballroom. Learn more about UMII at https://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/informatics-institute/home.

Meeting with U of M Associate CIO Brittany Lloyd and Associate CIO Brad Cohen

U of M Associate CIO Brittany Lloyd and Associate CIO Brad Cohen will also be on hand on Tuesday, April 15, during an open meeting with interested UMC faculty and staff that day from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Bede Ballroom. Everyone interested in discussing IT issues are encouraged to attend.
Volunteer Opportunities

North Country Food Bank
Russ Tate from the North Country Food Bank has a great need for volunteers to pack boxes and backpacks and nobody scheduled for the next three weeks. Clubs, if you have a group and are available to pack any evening. Please contact Russ at 218-280-2926. If you don’t get an immediate answer, please leave a message and Russ will return your call.

ALD Pi Run
Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (or until the last runner finishes, so dress warmly)
Highland School, 801 N. Central Avenue
ALD is sponsoring a 5K and 10K run. They are needing lots of volunteers to reassess runners, cheer them on, help direct them at turns, and make sure that they are safe. For more information, see http://theirationalrace.com/. To register to volunteer, email Alex Skeeter at Skeet005@umn.edu.

United Way Spring Fling
Tuesday, April 29, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m., Crookston Sports Center
Assistance is needed to set up, take down, and assist with serving food. For more information or to volunteer, please contact UMCRLIFE@umn.edu.

Polk County Humane Society
720 East Robert Street, Crookston
This animal shelter is staffed entirely by volunteers. Help is needed especially from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m. on weekends. Please call 218-281-7225 for information and to volunteer.

Special Olympics Track Meet
East Grand Forks Senior School
1420 4th Ave NW, East Grand Forks
Saturday, May 3 (tentative date) 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Special Olympics teams from across the region participate in this annual track meet. Several volunteers are needed to help run this tournament including timers, athlete escorts, and field event coordinators. To sign up to volunteer or find out more information you can visit www.specialolympicsgf.org or visit with Josh Parrill in the AAC (Owen Hall 270).

Thursday Commons: A Sustainability Tale of Two Campuses

On April 17, Dan Svedarsky and Troy Goodnough, sustainability coordinators at the University of Minnesota Crookston and University of Minnesota Morris, respectively, will present an overview of the efforts and accomplishments of students, staff, and faculty at each campus in regards to the broad area of sustainability. Advances in renewable energy, local foods and gardening, campus cost savings, energy efficiency, planetary stewardship, and earth ethics will be profiled.
12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in Bede Ballroom
Theatrical Performance of “Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau” Celebrates Earth Day at the U of M Crookston; Two performances on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium

By Elizabeth Tollefson

A conversation between Thoreau and Emerson in Thoreau’s cabin before leaving Walden Pond is the focus of Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau. A performance of the two-act, four-character play will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in Kiehle Auditorium at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The two performances at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. have no admission charge and everyone is welcome. Free will donations will go to a designated sustainability project.

Under the direction of Linnea Barton, Writing Center coordinator, the cast consists of Ian McCrae, associate professor at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, as Emerson; Chris Shultz, assistant professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department, as Thoreau; Michael Laurich, a junior majoring in biology from Lansing, Ill., as J.B.; and Megan Luxford, a senior applied studies major from Columbus, Neb., as Rachel.

The play, written by Michael Johnathon, takes place during the final two days Henry David Thoreau spent at his cabin before leaving Walden Pond. It is an exploration of the roles each person plays protecting the earth, while challenging the audience to live a simpler life and preserve the environment. To learn more about the play, visit www.waldenplay.com.

Sponsors of the performance are Liberal Arts and Education Department; Business Department; Math, Science, and Technology Department; Agriculture and Natural Resources Department; Concerts and Lectures; Crookston Students for Sustainable Development; and the UMC Music and Theater Department.

An Earth Day celebration, Having Fun Caring for the Earth, will take place from 9 to noon in the Sargeant Student Center. The celebration includes a poster contest for college and high school students with $500 scholarships awarded to the winning posters; a sustainability fair; a Native American tribute and hot topic Earth Day mini lectures. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dana Trickey, College in the High School coordinator, at 218-281-8677.
UMC April 22, 2014
Earth Day Poster Contest

Having Fun Caring for the Earth

Sustainability Defined

In order to promote learning about the importance of sustainability, the University of Minnesota Crookston is hosting an Earth Day Poster Contest that celebrates the theme “Having Fun Caring for the Earth”.

Sustainability is defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". There are essentially four components of sustainability used to develop policies and actions: social, economic, wellness and environment.

Categories

Posters must use one of the following categories as inspiration:

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<th>Social – Sample themes: Family Fun Starts Outside, Environmental Ethics, A Favorite Quote from Author and Naturalist Henry David Thoreau</th>
<th>Economic – Sample themes: Efficient Design Means Living Green, Green Homes for Everyone, Sustainability IS the Bottom Line, Making Money Saving the Earth, Industrial Strength Sustainability</th>
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Contest Rules

- All public and private high school and college students are eligible to participate. You may work on this as an individual or as a group.

- There is a limit of one entry per individual/group and there is no fee to enter.

- Entries MAY NOT contain ANY copyrighted materials (trademarks, logos, symbols).

- Posters should be created using a foam, paper or poster board and should not exceed a maximum size of 24" x 36".

- Acceptable media includes cut paper, found articles, fabric, poster paints, watercolor, color pencil, pastels, oil, crayon, pencil, charcoal, and markers. DO NOT use any hazardous materials in the creation of your poster.

- Attached to the back of the poster must be the artist or group’s name(s), phone number(s), grade level(s), school of the artist(s), and poster title.

- No names or school logos may appear on the front of the poster.

- Please bring your poster to the registration table in Sargeant Student Center by 9:15am, April 22, 2014 with a tri-fold, standing or table easel for display.

- The winning posters will be displayed at UMC until the end of April. All other posters can be taken home at the end of the day.

Judging

- Posters will be judged by a committee made up of faculty, staff, and students using the following criteria:
  - Best Connection to Chosen Category
  - Effectiveness of the Message
  - Originality
  - Visual Appeal

- A winner will be chosen from each category and then an overall winner will be awarded from the pool of category winners.

- UMC's Office of Admissions will award each category winner a $25 gift card (one gift card per poster).

- UMC's Office of Admissions will award a $50 gift card for the overall winner.

- One UMC, returning-student, winner receives a $500 UMC scholarship, and one prospective high school/PSEO student (or group of students up to a maximum of three) may each receive a $500 UMC scholarship.
Brain Teasers

A **REBUS** is a picture representation of a name, work, or phrase. Each “rebus” puzzle box portrays a common word or phrase. Can you guess what it is? 

**Example**

**Head Heels:** Since the word **HEAD** is over the word **HEELS**, the answer to the puzzle would be **HEAD OVER HEELS**.

**Corporate:** Because the word Corporate is getting smaller, the answer to the puzzle would be **Corporate Downsizing**.

Last week’s winner is Josh Parrill. The correct answer was “H2O (water) [h to o]” Josh can pick up his FREE movie pass from Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center. If you think you know the answer to this week’s Rebus, send an e-mail to meloni (melonir@umn.edu). A winner will be chosen from the correct answers. The winner will receive a free ticket to the Grand Theatre in Crookston. Email your answer to Meloni prior to noon on Thursday, April 17, 2014. The winner’s name will appear in the April 21, 2014 Eagle’s Eye.

Employment Opportunities

**Job Posting Apprentice**

Organization: Lee Plumbing & Heating Co. Inc., at PO Box 530, Thief River Falls, 56701

Position Title: Apprentice plumbers and laborers

Position type: Full-time, part-time, or seasonal (summer)

Location: Thief River Falls and surrounding area

Job Description: Immediate positions available for apprentice plumbers and laborers. Projects in Crookston, Roseau, and Thief River Falls starting this spring and extending for approximately one year.

Requirements:
- Valid driver’s license required.
- Must be dependable, self-motivated
- Having mechanical abilities a plus
- Regularly lifting and carrying objects weighting up to 50 pounds
- Frequent bending, reaching, climbing, twisting, standing

Salary: Salary and benefits based on experience.

Application instructions: Send resume to Lee Plumbing and Heating Co. Inc., at PO Box 530, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, or contact 218-681-1903.

**Robotic Instructors Needed**

The Crookston School District and UMC are looking for 2-3 faculty/staff or students who have an interest and basic skill with robotics to help teach a 3-week (June 10-26) summer robotic camp for 3rd-6th graders. The camp will be held on the UMC campus from 9:00 a.m. to noon each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during this program. LEGO NXT 2 Robotic kits will be utilized for this camp. The Crookston ISD will pay approximately $25/hr. A background check is required to work with the children.

Please contact Peter Phaiah at phaiah@umn.edu or 281-8505 if you are interested or need more details.

**Employment Opportunities**

**Brekke Tours & Travel**, an agency specializing in Scandinavian travel and tourism is currently seeking the following position:

**Sales Associate** - If you are interested in an exciting, fast-paced job in the travel industry and you have at least a 2 year associate degree in Business Management, Marketing, contact michelle@brekkeetours.com to request an application. Previous travel experiences to Europe or Scandinavia a plus.