

## SubZero SuperHero Plunge



Last Saturday after the Northern Light's victory over the Dickinson football team, clubs and organizations banded together to raise support for the Special Olympics by holding the "SubZero SuperHero Plunge." Each team was required to raise at least \$100 for the fundraiser. Coach Mouat was one of the many participants who plunged into the chilling 40 degree water for the sake of the Special Olympics.

## Veteran's Day Celebration

This morning at precisely 11:11 a.m., MSU-Northern will be hosting a Veteran's Day Celebration on the south lawn by the Student Union Building. The very specific commencement time for this ceremony celebrates the signing of the peace treaty that ended World War I. This treaty was signed during the

eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, so because November the 11th is on a Sunday this year, Northern will commemorate that date on the 9th, but at 11:11 a.m.

The Veteran's Day Celebration will be a short program consisting of a presentation of colors, taps, a commemorative song called "Angel Flight," and a roll call of the Montana casualties from the War on Terrorism. This short event is meant to bring honor to the men and women who served and continue to serve Montana and the United States of America so valiantly. The public is welcome to join us as we celebrate and honor our country's heroes.

## **New Extension Agents Open House**

Come meet Montana State University's new Extension Agents at an open house today, Friday, November 9, 2012 from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. in the Hill County Courthouse Timmons Room.

## **Overview of Program Review Prioritization**

MSU-Northern has begun a process for the prioritization of its programs and disciplines. This process will be a faculty driven, multi-part assessment. The Academic Council has developed a framework to guide the reviews which has seven criteria: centrality, productivity, internal and external demand, quality, size and cost effectiveness. Each step of the prioritization project will be transparent and communicated to all constituents.

The "Program Review Prioritization" project will take about two-years to complete and will be carried out in three phases.

The first phase has already begun and will require the faculty to review their programs and disciplines. During this phase, faculty are encouraged to develop new programs to be considered. The second phase will prioritize all of the programs and the Academic Council, comprised of five faculty members and four administrators, will make a recommendation to Chancellor James Limbaugh to enact one of four actions on each program: grow, maintain, reduce /integrate, or eliminate based on observations, research, and evidence offered by those involved with each program. During the third phase, all program or discipline revisions will be submitted to MSU-Bozeman, OCHE the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the Board of Regents for approval. The university's goal is that all new programs will be ready to enroll students by fall 2014.

In *Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services* (2010), Dr. Robert C. Dickeson states, "Most institutions can no longer afford to be what they've become." MSUN has very few new resources available for investment in strategic priorities; the university must use existing resources in the most efficient manner possible. In order to increase the efficient use of our limited resources, the Academic Council, with input from the Academic Senate, will prioritize programs and place them on a continuum from investment (grow) to phase-out. This prioritizing process will create a roadmap for growth and reallocation over the coming years.

## **Will Taylor Benefit Dinner - Nov. 10**

There will be a spaghetti dinner to raise money for William Taylor's kidney transplant this Saturday, November 10, at the Black Eagle Community Center! They are pre-selling tickets for the dinner (\$10.00/person), which will include a spaghetti and rigatoni dinner from Borries and other area restaurants contributing fresh breads and salads!

They will have a bake table with items for sale--pies and other treats from local restaurants and other supporters! The silent auction includes beautiful guns, furniture, overnight stays at the Holiday Inn and Staybridges Suites along with meal vouchers for local area restaurants like the Front/Faster Basset and Jakers! The raffle table is filling up, with wonderful gift baskets from local spas, salons, boutiques, and other fine area retailers who are helping Will Taylor get to Seattle for his kidney transplant.

They will also have music to liven up the evening. The event starts at 4:00 and goes until they close! They will be pulling dinner ticket stubs for door prizes throughout the evening as well. So, bring your family, enjoy a wonderful meal, and help support Will! Tickets can be pre-purchased by calling 899-5860.



## Lecture by Kae Cheatham

MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series presents author, photographer, and researcher Ms. Kae Cheatham of Helena, Montana. Entitled "Native People's Histories and Customs", Ms. Cheatham will present early American Indian life in the Northern Rockies. Cheatham will talk about those centuries before the horse, give details about the size of lodges, village layout, and the use of dogs as draft animals, and discuss how and why people traveled and hunting procedures. Throughout the program, Cheatham will stress the resourcefulness of the region's first immigrants, and encourages people to re-think how ancient cultures are perceived and the importance of this history.

Cheatham is the author of several books: Hammer Come Down, Child of the Mist, Dead Heroes, The Adventures of Elizabeth Fortune, Blood and Bond, Fury in Sumner County, Spotted Flower and the Ponokomita, On Promised Land, and Lost News. A book signing will occur after her presentation. Refreshments will be served.

This program is sponsored by Humanities Montana. Cheatham's presentation is Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7:30 in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, MSU-Northern campus. The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture. Admission is free.

## New Marketing Priority

Northern has pulled together an ad-hoc marketing committee to focus on our strengths and display our distinctiveness to prospective students and many other media consumers. The group consists of Tracey Jette, Tiffany Van Heel, Jim Potter, and Chancellor James M. Limbaugh.

The group will begin the initial task of creating a focused marketing strategy revolving around specific academic programs, which are: agriculture, criminal justice, alternate energy, elementary education, industrial technology/secondary education, civil engineering technology, on-line nursing (BSN) and on-line business. Northern's first thrusts of marketing energy will be directed towards these programs. We all hope to see great results from this new marketing priority.

## Vigilante Theatre

The Vigilante Theatre Company is on the rails again - embroiled in a new adventure that may lead to the destruction of the entire train! They are traveling in Montana circa 1910, and the brakeman has become an inventor. Passengers include a Russian Countess who is a collector of rare artifacts, a patent medicine salesman and Lizzy Borden's maid. What will happen to their valuable cargo? What is their valuable cargo? Take this laugh filled ride and find out with veteran Vigilantes Rhonda Smith, John Hosking and Thomas Q Morris. They will tickle you with twists and turns and tunes.

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is sponsoring this fun-filled dramatic journey on Tuesday, November the 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door- \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (for those who do not have a Season Pass). MSU-Northern students are admitted free of charge.

Come check out The Vigilante Theatre in "History Mystery Train 2: ON THE EDGE."

## Turkey Bowling

Wednesday, November the 14th at 7 p.m. in the Pin-n-Cue, the Intramural and Recreation committee will be hosting a Turkey Bowl. The prizes will be gift certificates for free turkeys. The tournament will be 2 no-tap games (9 pins is the same as a strike) in the dark!! If you get a strike in the 3rd, 6th and 9th frame, you will win a free Turkey! All participants will receive an Intramural & Recreation t-shirt and light refreshments will be served.

## Noel-Levitz to Partner with Northern

To increase enrollment and student success, MSU-Northern has recently created a Student Success Division focused on recruiting, enrolling, retaining and graduating an increasing number of students. To guide this initiative, Northern is developing a comprehensive enrollment management plan that



includes a strategic recruitment plan, e-communication strategies and a strategic retention plan. The comprehensive plan will fully integrate recruitment, retention, and web initiatives at MSU-Northern.

To guide us through this process, we have contracted with Noel-Levitz, the recognized leader in higher education consulting for nearly 40 years. Working with a recruitment and retention consultant gains Northern an experienced partner in student success. The consultants will work with us to gather and analyze the data that will help set retention priorities and create initiatives that will have the greatest impact on enrollment. Not only does Noel-Levitz have extensive experience working with four-year, public institutions, all of their consultants come from real-world, on-campus environments. This level of expertise allows us to get to the heart of issues being faced here at Northern.

Consultants will be on campus within the next couple of weeks to begin this exciting chapter in Northern's history. We will be working simultaneously on the recruitment, e-communication, and retention plans. The strategic retention plan will be completed by June 30, 2013, and the comprehensive enrollment management plan will be completed and implemented by June 30, 2014. As the process progresses, we will be seeking participation and input from across campus and from our constituents. We hope you will be excited to share in this important process.

### **AAUW at Northern**

MSU-Northern has launched a new partnership the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a national and state organization which connects students, faculty and staff by empowering women through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW is nonpartisan and nonprofit and has over 150,000 members across the U.S., 1,000 community branches and 700 college/university partners. The AAUW organization was founded in 1881 and examines current educational, social, economic and political issues. An organizational meeting was held on October 30, 2012 and included a mix of students, faculty and staff women. Future plans include having presentations on interviewing and job negotiation. If interested in joining AAUW at the state and national levels, please contact Debra Bradley at 406-265-3738 or [debra.bradley@msun.edu](mailto:debra.bradley@msun.edu).

### **The Montana Actors' Theatre Presents The Pillowman**

By Martin McDonagh



The first MAT production of the 2012-2013 season began on Halloween night. The gritty and

compelling show, *The Pillowman* is perfect entertainment for an eerie fall evening. With the action unfolding entirely within the holding cell of a police station in an undisclosed location, the play will test the audience's perception of what is real and what is not. As one character says, "A writer in a totalitarian state is interrogated over the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child murders happening in his town. A number of child murders that aren't really happening at all."

The remaining dates to view *The Pillowman* are: November 9 & 10, and 16 & 17. Doors and the Backstage Lounge open at 7:30 p.m. with show time at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and free for MSUN students with a valid .ID. This is a dark show and is not recommended for children.

## Weekly Columns

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Do you want something other than a text book to read during the long weekend? Here are a few of the books to be found on the fiction shelf of the "New Book Display." New books by popular authors include J.K. Rowling's *The Casual Vacancy*, Stephen Carter's *Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln*, Robb Dew's *Being Polite to Hitler*, Karen Walker's *The Age of Miracles*, and Junot Diaz's *This Is How You Lose Her*. You can also find the latest books by local author William Thackeray. In addition to fiction, there are numerous non-fiction books that can be checked out. One of these books is *I'd Like to Apologize to Every Teacher I Ever Had* by Tony Danza. Stop in and pick up something to read this weekend.

Due to the Veteran's Day holiday the library will be closed Sunday, November 11 and open Monday, November 12 from 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

### Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot



A promotional poster for a basketball game. The background is orange with black lines representing a basketball court. In the top center is a circular logo for the Northern Foundation & Alumni. The text "Skylights vs Griz" is written in a stylized, cursive font, with "Skylights" in white and "Griz" in purple. Below this, the word "Basketball" is written in a large, black, serif font. On the left side, there is a photograph of a female basketball player in a white uniform with "SKYLIGHTS" and the number "10" on it, dribbling a basketball. In the bottom right corner, the following text is displayed: "Northern Social", "November 13th 4 - 5:30 p.m.", "Press Box 835 East Broadway Street", and "Cheer on our Skylights at the Adam's Center after the social."

NORTHERN FOUNDATION & ALUMNI

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## Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Office 2010 Tip

#### Put the Recent Documents list to work for you

The **Recent Documents** list in Office programs offers an easy way to manage the documents you're currently working on. Unfortunately, most users fail to take full advantage of it. We'll look at a few ways to put this list to work for you.

When you want to open an Office document, you have a choice: you can use File --> Open and work through the hierarchy of folders and files until you find the file you want to open... or you can use the **Recent Documents** list. There are a number of ways to access this list:

- If you have an Office document open, click the **File** tab and then click **Recent** in the left pane. Accessing the list this way also shows you where the documents are located - a great way to find documents that were saved to the wrong folder.
- When you open Office programs from the **Start** menu the recent documents list "flies out" when you hover over the program name.
- If you already have a document open, you can right click on its icon that is on the **Task Bar** and the recent documents list will display.

To open a document, click it. To remove a document from the list, right-click it and choose **Remove From List**.

**Pinning** a document to the list makes it a permanent item in the list. Permanent items are displayed at the top of the recent documents list. This gains you quick access to the documents you use frequently - just click the little push pin displayed to the right of the document name. (When accessing the list from the start menu or taskbar, the pushpin is displayed when you hover over a document in the list)

You can also change the number of files listed on the recent page of a program (it doesn't affect the lists displayed from the Start menu or Task Bar):

1. Click the **File** tab and choose **Options** in the left pane.
  2. Select **Advanced** in the left pane.
  3. In the **Display** section, enter the appropriate number in the **Show This Number Of Recent Documents** option. If you choose 0, you disable the feature and Word will remove all items from the list.
1. Click **OK**.

## A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

November is American Diabetes Month. Here are some of the recent statistics on diabetes from diabetes.org:

- Nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes.
- Another 79 million Americans have pre-diabetes and are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.
- The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is \$174 billion.

If you or a loved one is living with diabetes, help support the American Diabetes Association (ADA) by sending in a picture that captures life with diabetes. For every donated picture, CVS/Pharmacy will donate one dollar to the ADA. Go to their Facebook page to upload your photo:

[https://www.facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation/app\\_380832601989620](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation/app_380832601989620)

## **Mission Statement**

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."

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