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MSU-Northern enjoys the first days of spring



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This Week on Campus

Northern Announces 2014 Commencement Speaker

This week MSU-Northern announced Dr. Denise M. Juneau, Montana State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as this year's graduation speaker. Juneau has maintained a long-standing commitment to education and lifelong learning and is sure to offer meaningful and relevant insights as she addresses MSUN's 2014 graduates.

Juneau grew up in Browning, Montana, on the Blackfoot Reservation. She began her post-secondary education by earning a Bachelor's degree in English at Montana State University, and continued on from there to pursue a Master's Degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a law degree from the University of Montana. In 2010, Carroll College awarded her with an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters.

Juneau used her English background to teach high school English in New Town, North Dakota and Browning, Montana. She was a Montana Supreme Court judicial clerk and worked briefly for a national law firm before serving as the Director of Indian Education at the Office of Public Instruction. In 2008, Juneau was the first American Indian woman elected to serve in a statewide elected position. Juneau's leadership in education and politics is extensive and she will make an excellent addition to this year's commencement ceremony.



Returning Students Receive Scholarships



MSU-Northern faculty, staff, students and donors gathered in Northern's Vande Bogart Library this week to recognize students' achievements and Northern's generous donors. At the celebration, more than 200 continuing student scholarships totaling approximately \$200,000 were given out for the 2014-2015 academic year. Pictured above is P.E.O. **Chapter AZ** member Paulette Cronk (Right) who awarded the P.E.O. scholarship to Kourtney Leonard at MSU-Northern's Award Celebration.

Northern Hosts 14th Annual Leadership High School



Leadership High School is an educational program specifically designed for Havre High School juniors. The program teaches the participants to develop their leadership skills and introduces them to the many facets of Havre's community and volunteer opportunities. Last Tuesday, March 25, Havre's Leadership High School participants came to the Northern campus for their awards banquet. Shannon Newth, KRTV News Anchor, and MSUN student Mary Kaercher were on hand to share what they have learned about leadership since they graduated from the program. Participants spent the day job shadowing at various businesses in town.

National Agriculture Day Read and Feed



National Agriculture Day Book Reading —3/25/14

The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce and nine MSU-Northern Post-secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) teamed up to read agriculture books to over 150 Havre Public School first graders on National Agriculture Day (March 25). Each year, the Agribusiness Committee provides \$250 to Highland Park Elementary School for the purchase of approximately 16 agricultural themed books. The brand new books are introduced to the students by the Committee and PAS Club members who also share the amazing story of agriculture. The new books are then placed on the school's library shelves and are available for check out by kindergarten and first grade students. In addition, the Committee provides each student with chocolate milk and graham crackers to help them make the connection between food and agriculture.

Chess at Northern's Vande Bogart Library



Recently the Northern library purchased a tournament chess set and chess clock. The chess set has been placed in the library lobby and is available for public use. Professor John Snider, a long time chess enthusiast, has donated several chess books to the library and is available to teach any interested persons what he has learned about the game. Please stop by and play a game with your friends or contact Professor Snider at ext. 4188 if you are interested in any chess wisdom.

Northern Alumni Help with Water Quality Awards

Recently three Northern alumni each received different water quality awards. Northern's water quality program has greatly contributed to Montana's public water system. Following are the award titles and recipients:

2014 Friends of Rural Water Award

This award was presented to, Eugene "Gino" Pizzini of the Montana DEQ Public Water Supply Section. Pizzini has been a true advocate of safe drinking water for the past 16 years. When Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS) needs clarification on rules and regulations, Pizzini provides invaluable information.

Pizzini graduated from Great Falls High, attended Northern Montana College earning an Associate of Science Degree in Water Quality in 1991 and a Bachelors of Science Degree in Environmental Health in 1993. He worked in numerous public health positions before settling in at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.



Pictured are Dave Jones, MRWS President, Dan Keil, MRWS National Director and Eugene Pizzini. Kristi Kline, a 1979 Northern Montana College Water Quality Associate Degree graduate presented the award.

2014 Supplier of the Year

This award goes to Rory Schmidt of Energy Laboratories, Inc. whose impact on the Montana Rural Water System's (MRWS) Training Program is beyond measure. In spite of an extremely hectic travel schedule that covers multiple states, Schmidt makes time to participate in training for MRWS, fine tuning each presentation, making them pertinent to the regions and the systems where the training sessions are held.

Schmidt graduated from Northern Montana College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Water Quality. He is also a certified water operator and has worked in almost all areas of the water and wastewater industry, from technical assistance to sales, and always has a cheerful attitude and willingness to help.

Pictured are Dave Jones, MRWS President, Rory Schmidt, and Dan Keil, MRWS National Director. Kristi Kline, a 1979 Northern Montana College Water Quality Associate Degree graduate presented the award.



2014 Manager of the Year

The 2014 Manager of the Year Award is presented to Vince Chappell of Seeley Lake Water District. Over the course of 13 years, Chappell has taken on challenge after challenge at a job that was initially described as a "dream job." Maps missing valves and water lines and water loss in the system being over 80% were some of the issues Chappell encountered. On the financial side, the system was running at a loss and had to borrow money just to operate. Clearly Chappell did not take on a dream job.

Even in the face of opposition against his work plan, Chappell has "stayed the course," and his system is almost fully mapped while water loss is consistently under 12%. Financially stable, the system no longer borrows money to operate. Because of his dedication to customer service, residents frequently call because they know this Chappell will go beyond the scope of the job to help them. Chappell's education includes an Associate of Science degree in Water Quality from MSU-Northern (acquired in 1994).

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Appreciation Luncheon for MSUN Vets



This week Northern's Veteran's Advisory Board recognized our veterans with an honorary meal in the SUB Ballroom. The event provided an opportunity for veterans of all ages to gather together to be recognized and socialize with other vets. There were also some great suggestions on ways the campus can help non-veterans understand the adjustments veterans face as they enter back into civilian life.

Comedian Mike E. Winfield

Some know Mike E. Winfield as fun and zany. Others have described him as strikingly brilliant. At Northern this week, his down-to-earth style focused on the idiosyncrasies people deal with day-to-day, and this take on comedic entertainment left the audience members with side aches from laughing so heartily. If you missed out on this hilarious event, visit Winfield's site at: www.mikewinfield.com

Bingo Night



The Associated Students of MSU-Northern held a bingo night for students in the SUB Ballroom this week. Several rounds of regular bingo resulted in many winners throughout the evening. The last bingo game was blackout style, and Josh Viall won a 7" Google Android Tablet for getting the first blackout.

Important Announcements

Student Senate Applications due TODAY

The Student Senate elections are upon us, and we need any remaining applications to be turned in today. There are applications at the SUB info desk, and are also available online. Voting will take place April the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

REMINDER:

Students participating in Spring 2014 Commencement need to order their caps, gowns, and tassels from the Bookstore ASAP. If you have not turned in your graduation application, please do so immediately.

Students who will be completing their degree requirements at the end of Fall 2014 need to submit their graduation applications by the end of this semester, unless they have petitioned to participate in the Spring 2014 Commencement, in which case the Registrar's Office should already have them.

Correction

Kenny Rucker was not inducted into the Northern Hall of Fame as reported in last week's NNN.

Upcoming Events

Safeguard Against Identity Theft- Today March 28

Chamber members and business owners alike, (if you are reading this NNN soon early enough in the day!) consider joining Katie Huff, Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist, this morning from 9 a.m.- 10 a.m. for coffee, rolls, and a presentation: "Identity Theft in the Workplace." The seminar is free and open to all interested parties, as identity theft is an issue that should concern all businesspeople. The presentation will be held in the 2nd floor meeting room of the U.S. Bank.

People with Disabilities Gain a Voice in Montana- Today March 28

Sponsored by the Department of Public Health and Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services Program and the Statewide Independent Living Council, today's forum will focus on the needs of people with disabilities. The forum will allow people with disabilities to voice their comments and concerns about current state-provided vocational rehabilitation and independent living services as well as their ideas for improvement. The meeting will take place today from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and will be available for viewing via videoconference at the following nine locations:

- Billings: MSU-Billings, 1500 University Dr., Education Building, Room 158
- Bozeman: MSU, Engineering and Physical Science Building-South Seventh and Grant, Room 126
- Butte: Montana Tech, 1300 West Park St., ELCB Room 225
- Great Falls: Great Falls College of Technology, 2100 16th Avenue South, Room B-133
- Havre: MSU-Northern, 300 11th Street West, Hagener Science Center, Room 202
- Helena: Old Livestock Building, 1310 East Lockey, Rooms 105 and 107.
- Kalispell: Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Dr., Learning Resource Center, Room 120
- Miles City: Miles City Community College, 2715 Dickenson Street, Room 313
- Missoula: University of Montana, corner of Arthur and Eddy, Gallagher Building, Room 104

If you are unable to attend the hearing, call in during the hearing at: 406-449-7478 using conference ID: 77178#. The call-in number will only be active during the time of the hearing.

You can submit written comments to Mike Hermanson, program manager, Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Program, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604, or to mhermanson@mt.gov. The deadline for

written comments is April 4, and will be given equal consideration as ideas submitted in person.

"Chair at the Table" Auction - March 29

Saturday, March 29, HRDC is hosting their annual fundraiser to benefit the Havre Food Bank, Head Start, Early Head Start, and HRDC. The event encompasses loads of fun with the "Chair at the Table" auction which includes decorated and bedazzled chairs from volunteers around the area, and there will also be games including 50/50, heads and tails, truth or dare, and musical chairs. The event costs \$5 which covers a sloppy joe meal and participation in the festivities. Come over to the Eagles Club this Saturday at 6 p.m. to support your local HRDC and have a bit of fun doing it.

Intramural and Recreation Floor Hockey

The Intramural & Outdoor Recreation Program hosted floor hockey March 24-25, but the fun continues March 31 and April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium. Come watch the teams battle for the floor hockey bragging rights of Northern

Financial Planning Workshop - April 1

Students are invited to a helpful financial planning workshop titled "Dream. Save. Spend." This will be a fun way to learn how to budget money with an emphasis on planning for a large "event" like a vacation, wedding or retirement. Guest speakers Darren Overlie and Felix Muniz from Waddell and Reed will be at the workshop to answer your questions. The event will be held Tuesday, April 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the S.U.B. Fireside Room and will include free food, prizes, and money management tips! For more information, please call Karen Terrell @ 265-3776 or stop by Cowan Hall 213K.

Dream. Save. Spend. Financial Literacy Thursdays throughout April

As a follow-up to her financial planning event, Karen Terrell, MSUN's Financial Literacy Coordinator, will be offering her services and advice to any and all interested students throughout the month of April (National Financial Literacy Month). Terrell will have a table set up near the Food Court every Thursday in April (so the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th) from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions about finances, do not hesitate to visit Terrell at her table this April.

MSUN All Sports Banquet - April 2

The 1st Annual All Sports Banquet will be held on April the 2nd at 6 p.m. in the MSUN Gym on the campus of MSU-Northern. The All-Sports Banquet is a chance to say thanks to our student-athletes for all the hard work and dedication they give to MSU-Northern and also to say thank you to our senior student-athletes. The banquet will be a time to relax and reflect on the success of our athletic programs and is open to the public with a charge of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the athletic office, or they will be available at the door. This event is not a fundraiser or auction, just a time to sit and enjoy a nice dinner with our student-athletes, their parents, and our fans. The All-Sports Banquet is sponsored by the NLASF and JM Donovan Designs.

NLASF Spring Fling - April 4

The Spring Fling is a fun community event organized by the Northern Lights Athletic and Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) to raise funds for MSU-Northern athletic scholarships. The Spring Fling will start at 5:30 p.m. in the MSUN Gym on Friday, April 4.

This event is rated the best live auction and dinner fundraiser on the Hi-Line. The night also includes a silent auction, and after the amazing dinner, the NLASF will present awards of excellence to the student-athletes of Montana State University Northern.

If you're not convinced to come to the Spring Fling by now, here are some quotes from people who've attended in the past:

"The NLASF brings in the most amazing live and silent auction items that I have ever seen at one event, and it all goes to student-athlete scholarships, which is cool!" -Jim Elliot

"I still can't believe that meal... The prime rib was cooked perfectly and the shrimp...OH the shrimp!" -Molly Gemar

Intramural/Recreation Coed Softball to Begin Soon

The Intramural & Recreation committee has scheduled coed softball beginning April the 7th at the softball fields south of town. Game nights will be April 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22. There will be a tournament held on April the 26th at 1 p.m. Put your team together, pick up a roster at the SUB Information Desk, and return by April 4 at 5 p.m. There will be a captain's meeting held in the Fireside Conference Room on April 3 at 5 p.m. All players will receive T-shirts and the winners of the tournament will receive a \$100 pizza gift card.

Hike Mount Otis

The MSU-Northern chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association is planning a spring hike to the top of Mt. Otis on Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. Meet in the parking lot of the SUB at that time for carpooling out to the trail. This is a great opportunity to celebrate spring by getting out and enjoying what nature has to offer. For more information, please contact: Dr. Jaakko Puisto at 265-3595 or Jaakko.puisto@msun.edu, or Tande at 406-390-5704 or Daniel at 406-399-1729. Let's go hike a trail!

Career Preparedness Workshops held throughout April

Attention seniors, graduates and alumni- the Career Center will be conducting "Career Preparedness" workshops in April. The workshops will assist you with resume and cover letter writing tips. The Career Center will also be teaching interview tips as well as other pertinent information to help you get started in your careers.

All workshops will be held in Hensler Auditorium on four different days and times:

- Thursday, April 10 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, April 11 from Noon-1:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 14 from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15 from Noon-1:30 p.m.

The Career Center encourages you to sign up for this event on CareerExpress before the workshop you plan to attend.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.

Chi Alpha Hangout Events

Chi Alpha's main meeting takes place at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in the Morgan Hall "Red Room" (now brown), and every week after the meeting (at about 8 p.m.), there's a fun hangout event. Here's the event list for the remainder of the semester (subject to change if an activity becomes impossible to carry out):

April 3- Brian Regan DVD comedy night in the Red Room

April 10- Board games and snacks in the Red Room

April 17- Nachos and fellowship at Uncle Joe's (1400 1st St.)

Weekly Articles

Vintage Northern

By Valarie Hickman



Northeast of the SUB is an area of picnic tables with a plaque commemorating East Hall, the first campus building. East Hall was originally built by the city of Havre as the Park Pumping Station in 1919. The area around the pumping station became a tourist park in 1920. In anticipation of the opening of Northern, the city gave the Park Pump Station and the tourist park to the college. In 1929 the first class of students arrived at Northern. Renovation of the pumping station was begun to transform it to a campus building. A floor was added and the building was remodeled into classrooms, offices, and kitchen facilities. The building was ready for use in 1932. Over the years the building housed many disciplines including: art, music, German, engineering drawing, and mathematics. By 1965 structural flaws in the building required the college to abandon the building. In 1979 the building was demolished.

Computer Corner

By: Marianne Hoppe

Office 2013 Tip

Minimize the Ribbon when you don't need it

This isn't a new trick, Office has allowed the user to make the Ribbon go away in previous versions, but it is useful if you want to maximize your screen real estate. Look on the far right bottom of the Ribbon bar and you'll see an upward pointing carat - click on that all and the ribbon items slide up and vanish. You're left with a just the menu bar. When you click on a menu item then the Ribbon for that item will re-appear, and go away again when you click on something. If you decide you don't like hiding/showing of the ribbon, just click on the pin icon at the bottom right of any ribbon and you'll be back to normal. Pressing CTRL F1 will also toggle the Ribbon between hidden and pinned.

From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

The 11th Hour

It is not quite the 11th hour, but it is the 11th week of the semester. There are 4 more weeks to go before finals week. These days are full of deadlines for tests, projects and/or papers. Break down your requirements into small tasks and write them down in your calendar. Check your calendar daily and work toward the achievement of daily tasks. This way you are "chipping away" at your work, getting closer and closer to your goal. If you are running behind and might need some help getting back on course, come to see us at the Learning Success Center (LSC) top floor of the library!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

What can you do at the library besides get coffee? Well, there are lots of things you can do! You can use a table to spread out that project you are working on. There are small study cubicles (carrels) where you can sit and prepare for that upcoming quiz or test. The library has several study rooms where you can work with a group. Don't want to pack your laptop to the library? Check one out at the Circulation Desk.

If you want to relax before your next class, you will find very comfortable chairs and a large couch to sit on. You can meet a friend and play a game of chess or spend a few minutes working on a puzzle. There are also additional games that can be checked out at the Circulation Desk. Don't forget that you can get something to drink and eat at the Coffee Cart.

Also, you can find help at the library. The library staff offers assistance in doing research using print and electronic resources. The Learning Success Center (located in the library) offers tutoring for many different courses.

What can you do at the library? Stop in and find out for yourself!

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Spring Cleaning

It's always entertaining to walk around Walmart and see which holiday or season's theme they're using as a way to stimulate sales. As soon as Valentine's Day was over, red was out, and green was in. Green was recently traded for the pastels and chocolates that have overtaken Easter. Besides all the holiday hullabaloo, I noticed how Walmart is marketing the change of the seasons- pushing their cleaning products for everyone's "spring cleaning." Well I have nothing against Walmart, but I'm going to give you some helpful tips for spring cleaning so you don't have to visit the display and spend money to spiff up your dorm room or home.

- Instead of buying name brand window cleaner, try mixing 3 tablespoons vinegar, ½ teaspoon mild dish detergent, and 2 cups water. Put these ingredients in a spray bottle, and attack those dirty windows.

- Do you have some small rugs in your dorm that need freshening? Baking soda is your friend. Sprinkle this kitchen staple on your rugs or carpet, and let it sit for ten minutes before vacuuming it up.

- Scuffs occur on all kinds of surfaces. Banana peels are said to remove those scuffs off surfaces such as leather shoes, silverware, and leather furniture. Rub the inside of a banana peel on an inconspicuous spot first, to test the effect. Remove the peel residue and scuff with a soft cloth.

These are just a few tips you can use. Pinterest is a great resource for many more household item cleaning supplies. Here's a quote to keep in mind as you go through actual clutter in your house: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful."- William Morris. That should weed out some of the clutter! Happy spring cleaning!

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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