

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

One MSU Symposium



Northern is currently hosting (Nov. 5-6) the 3rd Annual One MSU Symposium. This year's theme is Beyond Articulation Agreements: Developing a Winning Strategy. This event provides an opportunity for the top administrators from each of the four MSU campuses to collaborate on ways the campuses can work together for the betterment of our students. Next week's NNN will include links to the video recordings of the main session presentations.

First Annual Zombie Chase



Northern's first ever Zombie Chase took place on Halloween day. The event included four different one-mile chases around campus. The rules were simple: run like crazy, and hope you don't get caught by a zombie. Those that finished without getting caught, won. The cross country program and Relay for Life gave out over 30 prizes and 10 pounds of candy! Ninety-two community members participated in the event. Several more community members supported the event by volunteering time, services, or goods. The zombie squad was made up of Havre High School and Northern cross country runners and all proceeds were split between the MSUN cross country team and Relay for Life. Both entities received around \$1,000 from the event. The partnership between Northern's cross country team and Relay for Life worked well for the event, and we are both interested in doing it again next year. Next year we plan to improve the event by decreasing the cost and marketing more toward youth participants.

Special thanks to Havre High School's cross country runners for participating as zombies, Holden's Hot Wheels for the music, Havre Daily News for advertising, and Fiveheads for the cool socks.

American Indian Heritage Month Art Exhibit



November is "National American Indian Heritage Month." The American Indian Heritage Month 2015 Panel Presentation and Art Exhibition took place on November the 2nd and was a celebration of culture that featured the works of Donovan Archambault, Bara Buffalo Hide, Don Greytak, and John Murie. Archambault, a pipe artist, talked about the process of making a pipe from scratch. He also added that the basic work requires no less than 60 hours. He sees this Native tradition as continuing, and he always encourages youth to be respectful, patient, and disciplined in order to accomplish whatever they might want in life; he believes they can learn these traits as pipe makers.

Buffalo Hide talked about beadwork, describing how every piece she makes is unique and many times impossible to replicate. She often looks to her Native traditions for inspiration for her designs. She also had good words of advice for those interested in starting a business.

Murie described how he started getting interested in drawing. He said that as a child he gleaned inspiration from his life on the reservation, as well as from his favorite comics. Later, he attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he said, "It was very fun to interact with other artists who had the same passion."

Greytak talked about his interest in Native art regardless of the fact that he is not Native. He described himself as a "Montana farm boy," but he also lived on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation for a time. He said he considers himself a "frustrated story teller," so he believes his better medium of communication is

pencil on paper. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to admire all the work and visit one-on-one with the artists.

Campus/Community Halloween Party



The Associated Students of MSU-Northern hosted a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party last Friday. Children from the campus family and community came out and played games like the fishing pond, musical chairs, beanbag toss, mini golf, marshmallow toss, face painting, and the cupcake walk. There were many happy faces as the children claimed their prizes for the night and brought home lots of sweets from the evening's games and happenings.



Jennifer Henderson Receives Pure Gold Award

Jennifer Henderson is one of our hardworking staff members in the Career Center, and as such, her co-worker Mary Heller nominated her for the Pure Gold Award. Montana State University President Waded Cruzado chose Henderson for the award after reading Heller's descriptive nomination. Heller described the ambience of the MSU-Northern Career Center as an embodiment of Happy and Goofy from the seven dwarves. Heller wrote, "This is because of Jennifer Henderson and her amazing upbeat, positive attitude; she really does seem to whistle while she works! Even when times are stressful, Jennifer laughs, smiles and reminds all of us around her that we can accomplish many things with a great attitude." Henderson will celebrate her 30-year employment with MSUN and the Career Center in December 2015. Jennifer Henderson, you make Northern proud.

Montana College Application Week

Throughout this week, MSU-Northern has waived the \$30 application fee for Montana high school seniors who completed and submitted admissions applications. Today is the last day students can submit a paper application to have the fee waived. The applications must be received by today.

Montana College Application Week is coordinated by Montana GEAR UP of the Montana University System, in collaboration with a steering committee representing the K-12 community, community-based organizations, and all sectors of Montana's higher education system.

For more information, students or parents can call the MSU-Northern Admissions Office at 406-265-3704. Applications can also be downloaded at www.msun.edu.

MSUN Instructor Speaks at Apprenticeship Conference

The week of November the 2nd-8th is recognized in Montana as "National Apprenticeship Week." On Wednesday of this week, Commissioner of the Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Pam Bucy joined with sponsors of apprenticeship training programs throughout the state to discuss the importance of using this model to build and strengthen Montana's workforce. MSUN's own Lorren Schlotfeldt spoke at the event, "Apprenticeship is alive and well here in Montana because business owners, the Department of Labor & Industry, and the Montana University System recognize the importance of a well-educated, motivated, and highly skilled workforce," Schlotfeldt continued, "As our economy continues to grow, demand will become even greater to fill jobs. Apprenticeships can and will fill those positions with qualified technicians that can get the work done."

National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for the apprenticeship community to tell the story of apprenticeships, and is an invitation to business and industry, education, career seekers, community based organizations, students, and workers to learn about the real world advantages of developing careers through adoption of the apprenticeship model. Apprenticeship is for those who aspire to be great, lead in innovation and creativity, strive to innovate in business and industry, and recognize the value of combining paid on-the-job learning coupled with a substantial educational component to build generational greatness in careers and commerce.

Student Spotlight- Colton Carlin

By Kimmi Boyce

One of Colton Carlin's life goals is to become the best mechanic he can possibly be. This is why he chose to attend Northern and pursue an internship with the Tractor and Equipment Company (T & E). Carlin chose T & E due to their solid company leadership and compassionate employee care, and he has not been disappointed. Carlin plainly described his work day saying that he usually worked with the senior technician on projects or picks up where he left off on his own mechanical assignments, but what made the day go by quickly are all the amazing people he worked with. There's nothing better than working at a job you love with people who make the day fun and enjoyable.

Throughout his time with T & E, Carlin has learned some important lessons. The first was that it is absolutely fine to ask for help. He had been pushed aside and treated as bothersome in positions in the past, but the T & E staff were always accommodating and at the ready to help Carlin learn. Another unexpected lesson he learned was how to operate the company's parts system, enabling him to check on warehouse parts' availability before ordering new pieces from Denver. Amidst the learning though, Carlin described his favorite aspect of the internship this way, "My favorite part was using everything I learned in school and putting it to use in practical applications."

Carlin has so much potential to succeed in his area of study and work. But beyond that, he also wants to excel in his personal life by being a solid husband and father and growing his family well, both physically and spiritually. With his education from Northern, his training with T & E, and his supportive family behind him, Carlin will become all that he dreams, and so much more.

Important Announcements

Student Coop Registration is Open for Spring Semester

All coops are registered, and administered, through CareerExpress, unlike the regular classes of which the students register. Students must have a profile on CareerExpress before they can register for a coop. Every coop requires relevant learning objectives and approval by the student's advisor, employer, Dean of the appropriate college and the Director of the Career Center. It is not the Career Center or MSUN's responsibility to find a coop for the student. Assistance can be provided but student's need to find an employer who will work with them for this on-the-job learning experience.

Please contact the Career Center with any questions you may have.

Important Dates

11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

Advanced Registration for Spring Semester 2016

New students: 8 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2015

Financial Aid Exit Counseling Sessions for Upcoming Graduates

Federal regulations require all students who receive Federal Student Loans to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of their program. MSU-Northern invites graduating students to attend one of the annual exit counseling sessions. During this session, students will learn about the following information:

- Consolidating Federal Student Loans
- Deferments
- Forbearance

- Repayment Options

If you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Havre campus, please attend one of the following sessions:
Monday, November 9, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab
Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab

If you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Great Falls campus, please attend one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. in Room B124
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015, from 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. in Room B124
- Thursday, November 19, 2015, from 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. in Room B124

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact the Financial Aid or Financial Success office at 406-265-3787 or 406-265-3776.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: What the XLI Conference can do for you

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: The upcoming XLI Conference, to be held next year in Great Falls, March 14-15. Come and hear about previous XLI experiences. Come and help each other brainstorm potential topics that you could present on at the conference. Faculty have included XLI presentations in their tenure and promotion packet in the past (check with your union rep and chair), so this is a great opportunity to build your professional development portfolio. You bring your questions and we'll bring the coffee and snacks. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, November the 6th) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

XLI 2016

Next year's XLI Conference is being held at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

Proposals are being accepted for presentations at the XLI 2016 website, <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/>. Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLI will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting; we can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

Fall Sale at MSUN Bookstore- Nov. 6

Today marks the last day of "The Boss is Gone" MSUN Bookstore fall sale with 25% off most apparel, hats, gloves, backpacks, and totes, and 20% off all beverage containers. Hurry in to claim these deals before they're gone.

MSU-NORTHERN COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE - NOV. 7

MSU-Northern Ambassadors will be accepting food donations at the MSU-N Volleyball and Basketball games on Saturday, Nov. 7th in exchange for a \$1 discount on admission to the games.

Student Senate Open Forum- Nov. 9

Please join Associated Students of MSUN (Student Senate) as they host an Open Forum on Monday, November 9, at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The special guest will be Board of Regents Chair, Paul Tuss. If you have any questions, please contact Mikal Mavencamp, ASMSUN-President at asmsunpres@msun.edu.

American Indian Heritage Month Various Events

November 9-13 is Rock Your Moccasins Week. Post a picture of you wearing your moccasins onto the MSUN Sweetgrass Society Facebook page. Additionally, stop by the Multicultural Center to learn about the lives of contemporary Native leaders through the board, "Contemporary Indigenous Voices." Also, admire the original piece, "Air of Innocence," by Mary Nault who is the artist of the month at the Multicultural Center. Lastly, there is an exhibition of American Indian artifacts in the Cowan Hall main entrance display window.

Hairspray Musical - Nov. 12-14

Havre High School and the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra are coming together to present the musical, *Hairspray*. This is an exciting and fun show the entire family will enjoy, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Comedian Cody Woods - Nov. 12

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council will present Comedian Cody Woods on November the 12th, at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Cody Woods is one of the most hilarious and talented comedians rising today. While growing up idolizing comedians as a child, he discovered he had a natural way of making everyone laugh early on. At the age of thirteen, he was recommended to the local comedy club by a teacher, despite being sent to detention by that teacher the same day.

With his unique versatility on stage, audiences are treated to a rare blend of extreme honesty, off the cuff wit, social commentary, animation with spot-on impressions, all while maintaining a laid back narrative. Now a young, yet seasoned comic, you can see Woods headlining comedy clubs all over the United States. He has worked with big names such as Tommy Davidson, Damon Wayans, Robin Williams, Todd Glass, David Spade, Kevin Farley, Pauly Shore, Charlie Murphy, and many more. He was already a two-time finalist in the Northern California Comedy Competition held at the world famous Improv Comedy Club at the age of eighteen and nineteen. He was featured on Roger Ebert's blog shortly after, as well as, online streaming giant, Hulu.com. In 2013 he was hand-picked for the Comedy Central's Up Next National Competition and was also a semi-finalist in the Shaq All Star Comedy Jam.

Don't miss Cody Woods at the MSU-Northern Student Union Ballroom on November 12 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/students and free for MSU-Northern students, faculty, and staff.

MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet-N-Greet - Nov. 14

The MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers club will hold its 2nd Annual Meet-N-Greet on Saturday, November the 14th. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a happy hour. The club will serve a dinner of prime rib and all the fixings. The Milk River Band will provide live music for dancing beginning at 9 p.m. The club has joined with the North Central Stockgrowers Association who will hold their annual meeting the same day from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., and this year's guest speaker is John Paterson with the National Cattleman's Beef Association. There will also be live and silent auction items offered to raise money for the North Central Stockgrowers and the Collegiate Stockgrowers. Call Mary Heller at 265-3708 to RSVP no later than November 6.

The MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers wish to thank the following sponsors: CHS, Big Sky, Independence Bank, Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, Montana Livestock Ag Credit Services, Stockman Bank, Bear Paw Meats, and Fiveheads.

Older than America Movie Showing- Nov. 17

Older Than America is a story of a woman beset by troubling visions that lead her to an abandoned schoolhouse on an Indian reservation. What shocking secrets will she discover? A Georgina Lightning

film starring Adam Beach, Tantoo Cardinal, Wes Studi, and Bradley Cooper, *Older Than America* delves into the lasting impact of the cultural genocide and loss of identity that occurred at these institutions across the United States and Canada. This event is part of American Indian Heritage Month 2015. The movie will be held in the ATC Hensler Auditorium at 6 p.m. on November the 17th.

Safe Zone Training Module II - Nov. 18

The next Safe Zone Training, module II, is scheduled for November 18, 2015, at the same time and place as module I (noon in the Fireside Conference Room in the SUB). However, in order to take this second training, participants must first have taken module I. At the end of it, they receive a decal and button that formally identifies them as LGBTQ allies. The focus of module II is ally development and will be facilitated by Amber Spring, Student Support Services Counselor. This workshop will focus on building a network of LGBTQ allies at MSU-Northern and the greater community. Participants will learn what it means to be an ally, skills to become an advocate, and how to challenge heterosexism. Following the training, participants will each receive a Safe Zone placard that they may place in their offices to identify themselves as individuals who have chosen to educate themselves about LGBTQ issues. These placards will become symbols of safe and welcoming places on campus for members of the LGBTQ community. Please contact Amber Spring to register: amber.spring@msun.edu or 265-3783.

Community Tree Lighting - Nov. 28

Everyone is invited to bundle up and gather to bask in the glow of one of Havre's holiday traditions while joining family and friends at the Town Square for the ceremonial lighting of the community Christmas tree on Saturday, November 28th, with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. Join members of the HHS choir in singing holiday carols while warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and waiting the much anticipated arrival of Santa and his holiday wish for all.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

This week's TidBit spot lights two former Northern Lights who are now college basketball head coaches.

First is former Light All-American and Frontier Conference MVP, Steve Helm. Steve was recently selected to be the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Calumet College of Saint Joseph (Crimson Wave). They are a NAIA division II school located in Whiting, Indiana. Coach Helm was previously an assistant coach at Valparaiso University and Tennessee Wesleyan College. He is married to former Skylights Volleyball coach, Kelly Green Helm. On a side note, Steve and Kelly's son, Steven, earned and was awarded his Eagle Scout rank this past summer.

Second is Light standout, Brian Erickson. Coach Erickson is beginning his fourth season as the men's Head Coach at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming. Over the past three seasons, he has led the Trappers to a 71-30 record, including a sparkling record of 31-5 last year (second best record in school history). The Trappers also were the Region IX Champions and finished in the elite eight at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Coach Erickson was an Assistant Coach for the Trappers for three seasons prior to becoming the Head Coach. Current Northern Light, KJ Rech, played under Coach Erickson at Northwest College. Brian is married to Northern Alumn Callie Fast Erickson.

Keep an eye out for updates on these two coaches in future NNN TidBits.