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MSUN - Northern ACTS Club



Northern ACTS (Actors of Collaborative Theatre Society) advisor Grant Olson talks about the club and what it offers for students who might be interested in learning more about theatre.

Provost R. Neil Moisey Retires



This Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 7), a group of staff and faculty gathered in the Library to celebrate the retirement of Provost R. Neil Moisey, PhD. Moisey became the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for MSU-Northern on December 1, of 2017. During his time at Northern, he helped guide the campus through the Covid-19 pandemic, which required major changes in course delivery methods. He also oversaw many curriculum and program changes, and several successful accreditation reviews.

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Eleven Schools Enjoy MSU-Northern Basketball



The MSU-Northern Skylights hosted their Field Trip Day against Briercrest College winning 112-39 on Thursday in Havre, Montana. The gymnasium was filled with 800 to 900 screaming third and fourth graders. They came from Chinook, Rocky Boy, NorthStar, CJI, Davey, Turner, St. Jude's, Cottonwood, Box Elder, Harlem, and Sunnyside Elementary. The Skylights took that momentum of the crowd and shot 70 percent from the field and 55 percent from the three-point line in the first half. Briercrest College shot 27 percent from the field and 14 percent from the three-point line in the first half. Northern was up at the end of half 60-21. Briercrest shot better in the second half-shooting 29 percent from the field and 13 percent from the three for the game. The Skylights ended that game shooting 67 percent from the field and 53 percent from the three to take the game.

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Orchestra Christmas Concert Embraces Winter



Last Thursday night, during a major snowfall, the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra warmed the hearts of all those who weathered the storm with such Christmas classics as “The First Noel,” “Jingle Bells,” “Greensleeves,” “Hark! The HeraldAngels Sing,” and many more. Cookies and refreshments were served after the concert. It was truly a great evening of music, fun, and fellowship. If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the community orchestra contact Rhonda Minnick at rhondaminnick@yahoo.com.

The Play That Goes Wrong Opens Tonight



Montana Actors Theatre is please to present a play about the fictitious Cornley University Drama Society that has received a substantial bequest and is putting on a performance of *The Murder at Haversham Manor* – a 1920s murder mystery play, similar to *The Mousetrap*, which has the right number of parts for the members. The script was written by the fictitious Susie H. K. Brideswell. During the performance, a play within a play, a plethora of disasters befall the cast, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls, and floors collapsing. Cast members are seen misplacing props, forgetting lines, missing cues... well you get the idea. If you have ever been part of a play when things have gone wrong you will identify with this group of talented actors. It is a comedy of errors and a situational masterpiece. This will make for a fun evening out.

Red Carpet Gala December 9, at 7 pm. Other performances December 10, 15-17, & 21-23 at 8pm December 18 at 2pm

[Click here for Tickets...](#)

TOPP Program Helps Address Teacher Shortage



MSU-Northern's grant-funded "Grow Your Own" program, Teachers of Promise Pathways (TOPP), offers teacher preparation dual-enrollment courses for high school students across the Hi-Line and Northcentral regions this spring.

Montana's "Grow Your Own" addresses the teacher shortage crisis by encouraging high school students to take college education courses in preparation for teaching in their home regions. TOPP takes this further by expanding outreach to underserved rural areas of the state.

TOPP hopes to build on its success from the fall semester of 2022, which found approximately 40 high school students from Havre and Great Falls enrolled in teacher-prep college classes at MSU-Northern and Great Falls College MSU.

All TOPP classes this spring are offered online with regular contact with faculty. Students can take the first two courses without cost under the Montana University System's One-Two-Free program. MSU-Northern is also pleased to offer waived tuition to students who exhaust One-Two-Free and wish to continue their TOPP studies. The TOPP course offerings will focus on the Hi-Line and Northcentral Montana regions.

Interested students should start by applying for admission online. Depending on location, students may apply to MSU-Northern or Great Falls College MSU. They can also reach out to their school counselors or principals for further support. For additional information, you can contact Curtis Smeby at 406-265-3517 or by email at smebyc@msun.edu

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“Northern Cares” Donation Drive is currently underway



The Community Center had an open house this Wednesday (Dec. 7) for students to get food/clothes and a door prize provided by Triangle Communication. The packets were full of practical food items that were made in Montana. Giving out the gift packets and dressed up as Santa was freshman plumbing major, Jordan Kittleson. Kittleson is also a first-year ASMSUN senator. He is pictured above giving a gift packet to Bridger Beach, a junior pursuing a bachelor's in business administration and an associate in automotive technology. Beach is also an ASMSUN Business Manager, RA in the Student Family Housing, and a member of Northern's cross-country team. This open house is part of a donation drive that is going on this past week and next week. People were able to drop off items for the food pantry and dress for success programs.

Some of the items they are looking for are:

- Non-perishable food
- Toiletries
- Household goods
- School supplies
- Gently used furniture
- Clothing (that students could wear to interviews, internships, and in their workplace)

Students living in the residence halls can bring their donations to their halls' RA Office.

All other donations, from student or the public, can be brought to the SUB Front Desk, during normal business hours December 5-9 and 12-16. The MSUN Foundation has established accounts for the Food Pantry and other student needs, for those wishing to make a financial contribution.

Students Enjoy Study Friendly Activities



This past week the SUB was open until 11 PM to provide a place for students to study and relax. It featured an Evening Educational Endeavor Extravaganza where tutors from Student Support Services, Little River Institute, and some faculty were on hand to help students finish their semester successfully.

Dr. Grant Olson conducted study-friendly sensory experiences designed to help students relax and focus as they worked this week. There were also video games in the Lights Lounge, crafting with Emilee Luke, and FREE 10-minute professional shoulder and neck massages for students by Billie & Mindy from

Studio 33. They also enjoy a tasty hot chocolate bar, snacks, good music sponsored by the Audio & Electronics club, and plenty more!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the last NNN for this semester

[Click here for the Finals Week Schedule](#)

Library During Finals Week

Library Finals Week Cookies & Coffee: The library will have free cookies and coffee available every day during Finals Week, **Monday through Friday, December 12-16, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Residence Halls Closed for Winter Break

Halls will be closed from 12 pm on December 16 until 9 am on January 9 for Winter Break. ALL students wanting to stay over the break MUST have a 1 on 1 meeting with Taryn Wallon BEFORE permission is granted.

Book Buy Back

Tuesday – Thursday, Dec 13-15 9am – 1pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cowboy Christmas – Dec. 10

MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club Presents the 22nd Annual Cowboy Christmas at the Armory Gym (No Host Cocktails begin at 5pm/Dinner at 6pm followed by music and auction).

MSU-Northern Community Choir Winter Concert – Dec. 11

Come to the Havre High School Auditorium this Sunday at 2:00 pm for a free concert with MSU-Northern Community Choir and a Children's Chorus. This year's winter concert will be presented with the theme "Bright Sights and Friends." This concert will be an outstanding musical feast fit for the entire family. You won't want to miss it.

Phillip Aaberg Christmas Concert – Dec. 13

Join us on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 pm, in the Havre High School Auditorium for the third annual Christmas from the Hi-Line concert, featuring pianist Phillip Aaberg. This Christmas concert is presented by the Hi-line Arts Council and Sweetgrass Music.

Grammy and Emmy nominee Philip Aaberg has performed his solo piano pieces around the world to great fan and critical acclaim, after years as a rock journeyman in the bands of Elvin Bishop and Peter Gabriel, among others. He has been commissioned to compose music of place in upstate New York, rural Kansas, Wyoming and Montana, where he now lives. Aaberg has received the Montana State Governor's Award for the Arts, and the same award for the Humanities, an Innovation Award from the Montana Arts Council, and named Treasured Artist by Montana's Secretary of State. In 2013 Montana State University gave him the first Honorary Doctorate in Music ever presented there. Aaberg received a B.A. from Harvard on a Leonard Bernstein scholarship. He has appeared on over 200 albums and has released 14 albums on Sweetgrass Music, a label he owns and operates with his wife, Patty.

All ticket sales support the Hi-Line Arts Council.

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Brown Bag Lecture: How Precise is Precision Agriculture? – Dec. 14



MSU-Northern will continue its Brown Bag Lecture Series on Wednesday, December 14th, with a presentation by Andy Bradshaw, Assistant Professor of Diesel & Automotive Technology, and Karyn Billmayer, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Technology. The event will be held from noon to 1:00pm in Hensler Auditorium (Applied Tech Center), and it is open to the public.

Sack lunches are provided but limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Monday, December 12th, at <https://www.msun.edu/otle/brownbag.aspx> or by calling 406-265-3775.

In their presentation – “How Precise is Precision Agriculture? Evaluating Real Time Kinematics (RTK) and Wide Area Augmentation Systems (WAAS)” – Bradshaw and Billmayer will compare two different auto guidance systems to discuss the accuracy, cost rationale, and practical implications of each system. The presenters have undertaken this research as part of their Master’s degree coursework.

Andy Bradshaw graduated from MSU-Northern in 2014 with a BS in Diesel Technology and Automotive Technology. Before coming to MSU-Northern as a faculty member, he worked at Tractor and Equipment Company in Billings and the Transportation Department for Havre Public Schools.

Karyn Billmayer graduated from MSU-Bozeman in 2020 with a BS in Agricultural Education and AS in Ag Business and Rangeland Management. Before coming to MSU-Northern as a faculty member, she taught agriculture at Chinook High School and worked at Wing Road Farm.

Next month’s lecture – “The Metabolic Effects Related to Four Weeks of High-Intensity Interval Training: A Pre-Season with The Lights Basketball Team” – will be presented on Tuesday, January 24, by Integrated Health Sciences Professor Chad Spangler.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Friday, December 9

- Red Carpet Gala Cowan Hall first floor at 7 pm
- *The Play that Goes Wrong* – Cowan Hall Theatre 8 pm

Saturday, December 10

- *The Play that Goes Wrong* – Cowan Hall Theatre 8 pm

Sunday, December 11

- MSU-Northern Community Choir Concert – HHS Auditorium 2pm
- Late Night Breakfast – SUB Food Court – 9-10 pm

Monday, December 12

- [Finals Week \(see schedule\)](#)

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Wednesday, December 14

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- Brown Bag Lecture: How Precise is Precision Agriculture? 12:00-1:00 PM

Thursday, December 15

- [Finals Week \(see schedule\)](#)
- Book Buy Back (SUB Bookstore)
- *The Play that Goes Wrong* – Cowan Hall Theatre 8 pm

Friday, December 16

- [Finals Week \(see schedule\)](#)
- *The Play that Goes Wrong* – Cowan Hall Theatre 8 pm

Saturday, December 17

- *The Play that Goes Wrong* – Cowan Hall Theatre 8 pm
- Lights Basketball @ Cactus Classic 12 pm

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TidBit

By: William Lanier

(#379) Milestones

Earlier this season both Coach Huse and Coach Mouat reached impressive milestones. On Friday, October 28th, vs. The King's University, Coach Huse earned his 400th win at Northern. On Friday, November 11th, vs. Campbellsville University-Harrodsburg, Coach Mouat notched his 300th win at Northern!

I then started thinking, out of the Frontier Conference coaches, who has the most wins. With the help of several e-mails and checking out the conference school's various websites, I have compiled the following list. This list is accurate as of 12/4/2022

Shawn Huse (MSU-Northern)	406
Bill Dreikson (Rocky)	358
Chris Mouat (MSU-Northern)	300
Steve Keller (Western & UP)	296
Adam Hiat (Tech & Westminster)	254
Rachelle Sayers (Carroll College)	232
Bill Himmelberg (UP)	215
Lindsay Woolley (Western)	193
Wes Keller (Rocky)	136
Kurt Paulson (Carroll College)	107
Mike Larsen (Western)	52
Jeff Graham (Tech)	2

Congratulations Coach Mouat and Coach Huse on reaching these milestones. If you have an idea for a future NNN TidBit, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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