

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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Independence Bank Donates \$100,000 towards Capital Campaign



Thursday morning Independence Bank generously donated \$100,000 to MSU-Northern's Foundation for their new Capital Campaign. This campaign will focus on scholarships and renovations to the athletics complex, residence halls and the student union building. The Foundation and the Northern family would like to thank Independence Bank for their generous support. It is important to note that all of the Independence Bank employees in this picture are Northern alums.

College Goal Sunday

Do you need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Well, it's available through College Goal Montana, and it's free!

One FAFSA assistance day occurred last Wednesday, but there is another happening on Sunday, February 12th 2012 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the basement of the Vande Bogart Library. Be sure to bring your (both parent and student) FAFSA PIN number (www.pin.ed.gov), correct social security numbers (student and parent), 2011 federal tax returns (or 2010 tax returns if 2011 returns are not complete), W2s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support, other benefits), and additional asset information (money market funds or other investments). The FAFSA is the key to federal, state and institutional aid. Everyone should apply, so don't wait! For more information, contact Jason Castillon or Brittnee' Loch at (406)265-3787.

Special Thanks

MSU-Northern and the Education Department would like to send out belated special thanks to Marianne Hoppe for getting all the necessary files uploaded onto our website. Rock Brown, Gary Garland and Andy Morris are also to be thanked for providing printer and technical assistance to the OPI team.



MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture

MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series presented Montana native, author, business owner, musician, and retired teacher Anne Stranahan Shaw last Tuesday. Anne presented, "The State of the Arts in Northern Montana" as well as a book signing for her books, Roscoe and Tooley Ride the Bootlegger Trail and Roscoe and Tooley, Montana Runaways. Shaw has a keen interest in music, art, theatre, and literature and shared through her slideshow and lecture how she became interested in the Arts and where the Arts have taken her throughout the world. The presentation was enlightening and was well attended.

Last Day to Drop a FIRST-HALF SEMESTER Class

Today is the last day to drop a FIRST-HALF SEMESTER class with a "W."

YouTube Video Contest

Are you a YouTube fanatic? You can use your video-creating skills to promote MSU-Northern and win a prize! MSU-Northern is holding a video contest that is open to everyone (students, faculty, staff, alumni, community). Submitted videos will be judged based on these categories: best overall video, most creative video, funniest video, video that best promotes Northern, and best video about a specific degree program.

The videos should be based on one of the previous categories. They also must be under 5 minutes in length, and students included in the video-making process must sign a model release. Videos must be submitted to Cori Hindoien in the Admissions office by 5 p.m. Friday March 23. The top videos in each category will be posted for student vote from March 28 through April 6, and then the winners will be announced on April 10th. The first place winner in each category will receive a prize.

The videos will be displayed on the MSU-Northern YouTube page and could possibly be used in other recruiting events as well. If anyone has questions, contact Cori Hindoien in the Admissions Office at 265-3542 or cori.hindoien@msun.edu.

Student Excellence Award Nominations Due

Nominations for the 2012 Student Excellence Awards are due next Monday (2/13/2012).

If you have already nominated a student or two, thank you. If you have not nominated a student, please take a few minutes out of your busy day to nominate at least one of our outstanding students. Almost every year there are students that deserve to be nominated but are overlooked. Have you ever thought, "I wonder why 'so and so' did not get a Student Excellence Award. He or she, of all people, deserves this award." Maybe the student never received the award because the student was never nominated. YOU could be the reason an outstanding student receives great honor by receiving the Student Excellence Award.

We will be honoring 10 recipients at the awards luncheon that will follow the annual awards convocation on March 23. To nominate a student, a nomination form (or e-mail) MUST BE COMPLETED (just submitting a name is not enough) and returned to Bill Lanier (wjlanier@msun.edu) by Monday, February 13, 2012. Previous recipients are not eligible.

Even if a student does not have a high enough GPA, please nominate them anyway. For many students, just knowing that somebody took the time to nominate them is boost of confidence.

For more information (nomination form, list of previous winners, etc.) regarding the Student Excellence Awards please go to: <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdeanstatus/excellence/index.htm>

Also Bill Lanier is looking for people to serve on the selection committee. If you are interested please inform him of your willingness to help as soon as possible. Thank you,

Miss Montana Program Offers Opportunity for Scholarships

The Miss Montana Scholarship Program is calling on young ladies from across the state to apply for an opportunity to be a contestant in the next Miss Montana program. Every Miss Montana contestant will receive an \$850 scholarship. Those contestants placing in the top five will receive scholarships from \$1,250 up to \$5,000. The new Miss Montana will travel to Las Vegas for the chance to become Miss America and receive more scholarships.

The young women who participate in the program will become our future leaders. The Miss America Organization is the nation's leading achievement program and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than 45 million dollars in scholarship assistance.

Contestants are judged on interview skills, talent, formal wear, on-stage question, and fitness in swimwear. The Miss Montana Scholarship Program also sponsors the Miss Montana's Outstanding Teen Program the same week for younger girls, ages 13 to 17 years old.

If you know a talented young lady, who has good communications and interview skills, high scholastic goals and would make a great ambassador for our state, tell her about the Miss Montana Scholarship Program. Applications are available at www.missmontana.com. The current deadline is March 10, 2012.

Points of Pride

MSU-Northern to Present at XLI 2012

Two presentation proposals from MSU-Northern have been accepted for the conference XLI 2012: New Visions of Learning in a Networked World, March 8 and 9 at the University of Montana. Barbara Zuck will be presenting Creating Breath in Online Education through Service Learning, Reflection, and Blogs, and Amy Crowder-Klobofski, Brigit Hemmer, and Randy Bachmeier will be presenting E-Learning Faculty Guides: Piloting a Model for Instructional Technology Diffusion in a Limited Resource Environment. The XLI conference, now in its fourth year serving as Montana's premiere professional development conference dedicated to online education, is sponsored by the Montana University System. The conference is open to all administrators, staff, and faculty interested in learning more about online education. Conference information can be found at <http://umt.edu/xli/>.

Barbara Zuck, Amy Crowder-Klobofski, Brigit Hemmer, and Randy Bachmeier, you make Northern proud.

Jitterbug Workshop

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern, Program Council is sponsoring a Jitterbug Workshop on February 14th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The jitterbug is a dance style that was popularized during the 1930s by jazz great Cab Calloway. Calloway thought dancers looked similar to hyperactive bugs on the dance floor as they adjusted to the ebb and flow of music. The resurrection of swing music makes the jitterbug a popular trend in dancing for people of all ages.

Pam Wilson will be teaching the workshop where you will learn basic jitterbug moves. This workshop is free to any faculty, staff or student one who wants to learn a little more about the dance. Bring your sweetheart to the SUB on Valentine's Day and get acquainted with the Art of Jitterbug!

9-C Basketball Tournaments come to Havre

The Chamber in partnership with Havre Public Schools will be hosting the 2012 9-C Basketball Tournament, Feb. 15-18 at Havre High School.

The Chamber's Athletic Committee works closely with District 9-C and Havre High School in the hosting of this February tournament. The Committee secures sponsorship for the hospitality room and enlists 40 plus community volunteers to help monitor doors and help with crowd control along with securing sponsors to cover the hospitality room during the 4-day event.

Volunteers are needed starting Wednesday, Feb 15 and continuing through Saturday, February 19. Help is needed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, and Saturday afternoon and evening. If you like basketball this is a great volunteer opportunity. You will see great games while doing service for the community.

If you would like to help you can call Shari at the Chamber at 265-4383 or email her at chamberdesk@havremt.net.

Presidio Brass

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is offering another great performance on February 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the 5th Avenue Christian Church. Presidio Brass is a dynamic force in American brass chamber music. With a unique and exciting repertoire written specifically for the ensemble, Presidio Brass is committed to providing engaging musical programs as well as developing close ties to their audiences.

Members of Presidio Brass have been seen with major symphony orchestras, including the London Philharmonic and Los Angeles Philharmonic. They can be heard on soundtracks ranging from video games to major motion pictures and have been educated at several of America's finest institutions, including the Julliard School, Boston Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music and USC.

Celebrating the world of Hollywood, the Presidio Brass will present a performance of both exciting jazz and classical music used in movies as well as great selections from film soundtracks. (2001: A Space Odyssey, Moon River, Bohemian Rhapsody and many more!)

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15/adult and \$10/students for those who do not have a season pass. MSU-Northern students may attend free of charge with a current student I.D.

Mardis Gras Dance

FAT TUESDAY is February 21, and the Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council is sponsoring a Mardis Gras Dance in the SUB Ballroom at 9 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite costume and receive a mask and beads at the door. There will be a DJ, refreshments and finger foods will also be provided.

Comedian Johnny Cardinale



Sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council, Musical Comedian Johnny Cardinale will be performing Thursday, February 23rd at 8pm in the SUB Ballroom.

Johnny Cardinale began his comedy career at the world famous Comedy Store in Hollywood, CA, where he was spotted by the owner, Mitzi Shore, and given weekly spots on her line-up alongside comedians such as: Carlos Mencia, Chris Rock, Joe Rogan, to name a few, as well as a nationwide tour with Pauly Shore.

He has since gone on to perform at all the major clubs in Los Angeles, write and direct a short film that screened at Cannes ("American Beauty X" which can be viewed at ifilm.com) and has hosted "Clean Shots" on the Game Show Network. He was also featured on the Emmy Awards in a spoof of the hit show "Heroes", and has been featured on "Chelsea Lately" on the E! channel.

In his stand-up act, he observes a lot of absurdities in life and talks quite a bit about his family. Johnny also brings his guitar with him to poke fun at the music industry as he can sound like seemingly any musical artist. Often compared to Adam Sandler and Jimmy Fallon, Johnny's act is clean and upbeat. A review from a recent college show pretty much sums it up best:

"....The similarity between Cardinale and Sandler is their expert use of music as a satirical device, but the similarities end there. Sandler's pieces are characteristically off-color and border on offensive to just about everybody. Cardinale, with his uncanny ability for mimicking an artist's vocal

style, is the better satirist, using the songs' very lyrics to point out how foolish some things really are while simultaneously keeping the show PG-13."

Tickets are available at the door for Adults/\$5 and Students/\$3

All MSU-Northern student, faculty and staff are welcome to this performance FREE of charge!!

Intramural Dodgeball

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern Intramural & Recreation department is sponsoring a Co-ed Dodgeball Tournament on February 21, 27 and 28.

Sign up now at the SUB Information Desk. Pick up a roster at the SUB Info Desk. Rosters are due February 17th by 5pm and need to be turned in at the SUB Info Desk.

Hill County's 100th Birthday Celebration

There will be a party celebrating Hill County's 100th birthday on February 28 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Timmons Room of the Hill County Courthouse. Refreshments, including birthday cake, will be offered. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

What's Your Most Memorable Book?

My favorite book is Blood and Vengeance by Chuck Sudetic.

It's the true story of an American who married into a Bosnian Muslim family who had experienced the horrors of the 1990-1995 Bosnian War first hand, in particular the atrocities that took place in the "U.N. Safe Haven" of Srebrenica. Sudetic wrote the book and told the story through the eyes of his wife's family; it can be very graphic, which unfortunately the subject matter dictates, and gives the reader a compelling example of what true evil is, and how an organization, like the U.N., can become completely marginalized as it stands by and watches as 7,000 Muslims get slaughtered by Ratko Mladic's Serbian troops.

Why this book? In order to finish my first master's in time and meet the requirements of the Air Force to receive my commission, I had to take an Independent Study. I chose to do a semester research project on the choices made by the three ethnic groups in Bosnia (Croats, Serbs and Muslims) and how each group, in their own way, contributed to the subsequent 1990-1995 Bosnian War.

This was the first book out of five my professor had me read as the primary background material for my paper. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who would like to learn more about Bosnia and the how's and why's behind the conflict and why Bosnia is still relevant today.

Melanie N. Vukasin

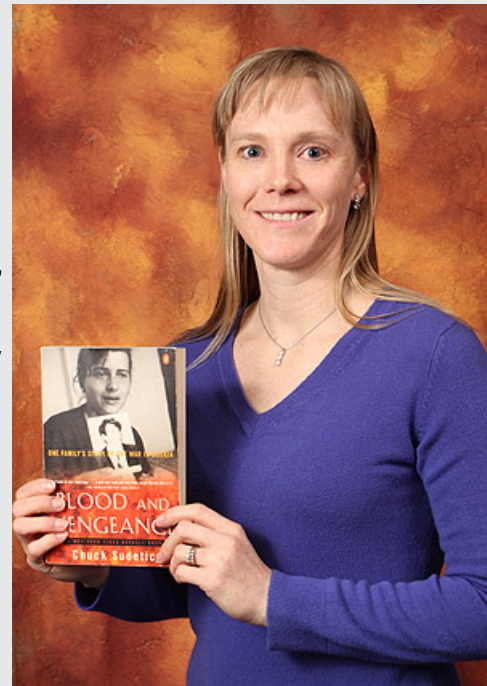
Assistant to the Provost/Academic Affairs Office Manager

From Dr. Carol Reifschneider:

Reading broadens one's horizons, and it promotes proper grammar and word usage, but often avid readers are not just born. Passionate readers develop through exposure to all types of reading material.

MSU-Northern faculty, staff, and students, what is your most memorable book? Please send the title and author of your most memorable book to Library Director, Vicki Gist, or me, Carol Reifschneider.

This reading promotion also happens to coincide with Library Month, so we would like to feature a reader and his or her book choice in the NNN each week of February. In your submission, please include (along with the book title and author) a brief write up as to why the book is so memorable for you.



Contact Vicki Gist at: gist@msun.edu or 265-3706 or contact Carol Reifschneider at: reifschneider@msun.edu or 265-3768.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Since my arrival on Northern's campus, I've spoken often about the "Eighteen-Month Initiative": a concept I established that is predicated on moving aggressively to address operational infrastructure needs. I've also reiterated on several occasions the importance of maintaining open communication about the initiatives that are generated from my office.

To that end, I have systematized the "Eighteen-Month Initiative" with an [Action Roster](#). This document, with its [supplemental explanations](#), provides a road map for twenty-eight different initiatives, all derived from conversations I've had with the campus and the community over the past five weeks, and all focused on establishing a solid base on which we can build programs, services, and enrollments.



Why have I used this particular format? Because I think it's important that you all see the interrelation of visioning, operational planning, and strategic planning. For example, the Academic Program Resources Review is a fundamental first step, because the input of our faculty is vital to establishing goals about academic program growth. Academic programs, in turn, drive how we do strategic planning, which is also informed by the university's vision.

All projects listed on this Action Roster are worthy of the attention of the campus and are achievable if we work together as a community. Therefore, quarterly reports based on the fiscal year will be distributed in April, July, October, and January to let you know the standing of each project. The Action Roster will also be the subject of an upcoming Chancellor's Forum.

I encourage you to review the Roster and its attendant explanatory comments so that you can fully understand the focus of our efforts for the next eighteen months. Also, I encourage you to let me know if there is a particular topic in which you have an interest and to which you would like to contribute, either as a member of a committee or a dialogue group. I believe in involving as many members of the campus as possible, so everyone is welcome to participate in their own fashion.

Branding 101

By Jim Potter

The Branding Committee believes it is very important to keep the campus informed on the branding process. This column is to keep everyone informed on the progress of the committee and to answer many of the questions we have been fielding on branding. Some of the questions that will be answered are:

- What is branding?
- What is the difference between branding and marketing?
- What is a brand promise and why is it important to our students, staff and faculty?
- What is image and how does that image relate to our brand?
- Why do we have brand standards?
- How will this branding initiative dovetail with our strategic planning process?
- Why is it important to get public feedback on people's perceptions about Northern's brand?
- How can improving our brand improve recruiting and student satisfaction?
- What is message mapping and how does it help us fulfill our brand promise?

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

Lights Wrestling on to Nationals

Join us in congratulating the Lights Wrestlers and to wish them good luck at Nationals. We will be hosting a sendoff Feb. the 25th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Box Cars ~ 619 1st Street in Havre.

Come show the team your support!!

If you cannot make the sendoff and would like to wish the team good luck, call or email me your message and I will get it to the team!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Currently on display in the library is a collection of artwork from China. Some of the items were collected by Professor Louis Hagener during World War II. Other items were later added to the collection by his wife Antoinette (Toni) and other family members.

Louis started teaching science at Northern Montana College (now MSU-N) in 1949. He retired in 1987. The Hagener Science Center was named in his honor. Toni has had a varied career that has included serving as a Hill County Commissioner, a Montana Legislator and as a chemist at Vita-Rich Dairy. She is a longtime MSU-N supporter. Stop in and have a look at these interesting pieces of art and history.

Did you miss getting a copy of Anne Shaw's books when she was speaking at the recent Chancellor's Lecture Series? If so, the Library has copies of Roscoe and Tooe: Montana Runaways (J F SHAW 2007) and Roscoe and Tooe: Ride the Bootlegger Trail (J F SHAW 2011). Both books are set in the 1930s in the Fort Benton area.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2010 Tip

Use Spike to copy multiple blocks of Word text or graphics

Spike is a Clipboard feature available in Word that lets you copy *multiple* selections of content to the Clipboard and then paste them as a group to a new location. It's easy to use and allows for a bit more flexibility when the need arises. You can use it in most any document, and it works with text and graphics. Here's how to use it:

1. Select your text or graphics and press **Ctrl F3** to copy to the Clipboard.
2. Repeat step one until you have all the text & graphics you want to copy.
3. Open a new document (**Ctrl N**)
4. Press **Ctrl Shift F3** to paste the contents of Spike. (pasting will clear Spike's content.)

(If this doesn't seem to be working for you: make sure your "F Lock" key is on)

NOTE: When you copy text or graphics using Spike, you **cut**, not copy, the content from the source document. If that's not what you want to do, you can press **Ctrl Z** to undo the cut, without removing the content from Spike.

Pasting with F3 clears Spike, but you can paste its contents without clearing it, by doing the following:

1. Type **spike** and
2. Press **F3**.

When you press F3, the word "spike" that you just typed will be removed and your copied content

will be inserted.

Alternatively, you can paste Spike content using the AutoText feature in Word 2010:

1. Click the **Insert** tab.
2. Click the **Quick Parts** option in the **Text group**.
3. Choose **AutoText** - the copied content will be in the section labeled **Spike**, click it.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that former Skylight Basketball coach, Sherry Winn, is the Head Basketball coach at the University of Charleston, in Charleston West Virginia? She currently has 437 total wins as a Head Coach. Coach Winn has a blog that she has contributed to since 2008. You can read her blog at <http://sherrywinn.blogspot.com/>

Featured Program

Mathematics: Our Mathematics program is a dual track degree for those seeking employment in the technical fields of industry or for students pursuing teacher licensure in Secondary Mathematics education. Students enroll in either a Mathematics track with a major in mathematics and a minor in a field of his/her choice or enroll in the Secondary Education track. Teacher education students take the necessary education courses and a minor in another education field. We recommend that those pursuing either degree double major to improve employment opportunities and versatility.

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