

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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## *This Week on Campus*

### Northern Honors its Veterans



While Northern was closed on Tuesday for Veterans Day, the Northern family gathered together in the entryway of Cowan Hall on Wednesday over lunch to honor Northern's veterans. Northern's Provost, Dr. William Rugg said, "Our debt to these heroes can never be re-paid, but our gratitude and respect must last forever. For many veterans, our nation was important enough to endure long separations from their families, miss the births of their children, freeze in sub-zero temperatures, bake in wild jungles, lose limbs, and, far too often, lose their lives." Rugg continued to say, "Can any CEO or distinguished Ivy League graduate truly claim to have more responsibility than the 21-year-old squad leader walking point on patrol in Afghanistan?"

Following his speech there was a moment of silence. Debra Bradley presented a U.S. flag as a gift to the campus. The flag was flown in front of our nation's capital in Washington D.C. John Donaldson, the senior veteran among those present, accepted the flag on behalf of Northern's veterans. This flag will reside in the Veterans Success Center.

## Veterans Success Center Open House



After the Veterans Day presentation in Cowan Hall, the Veterans Success Center, located in 115 Hagener Hall, was officially opened to the public. If you haven't yet stopped by this new center, please come and see what Northern is doing for its veterans. It's a welcoming and inspiring place where veterans can study, eat or just hang out. This is one small way Northern can give back to those veterans who have given so much for our country.

## SubZero SuperHero Plunge

After Northern's football game against Western, last weekend, supporters rallied together to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics by participating in the annual SubZero SuperHero Plunge. Heroes of every shape, size and style made the heroic plunge into icy waters, and it was worth it. Thousands of dollars were raised and a hilariously fun time was had by all who attended.

## Aces Up Band- Country Music Washington Style



The Associated Students of MSU-Northern sponsored a country band "Aces Up," from Enumclaw, Washington this week. The band offered a unique blend of blue collar country and raw Seattle rock scene energy. The concert was right up Northern students' alley. If you missed out on this talented group, give them a listen at: [www.acesupcountry.com](http://www.acesupcountry.com)

## New Veterans' Success Coordinator

The Student Success Division is pleased to welcome our new Veterans' Success Coordinator, Denise Rugg!

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rugg earned an associate's degree from Oklahoma School of Photography. Longing to further her schooling, she joined the United States Marine Corps in March 1977. She obtained the rank of sergeant prior to leaving the Marine Corps and returning to Oklahoma State University to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Television Production and Performance. Rugg completed her second Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Northern Arizona University where she also began a Master's Degree in Counselling.



Rugg's desire is to continue to serve our veterans and help them achieve their educational goals. The Veterans' Success Coordinator is a ½ time position with the main office located in Cowan Hall 213K. Rugg will also be spending part of her time in the recently relocated Veterans' Success Center in Hagener Science Center Room 115.

Please stop in to welcome Rugg to the Northern team!

## American Indian Heritage Month Artwork



In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month 2014, the MSU-Northern Multicultural Center is exhibiting the surrealistic art work of Native artist and MSU-Northern graduate Brad J. Shields. His piece titled "Tribal Existence," is a colorful canvas that can be displayed in either portrait or landscape orientation. Shields says the piece is a look into the first century of Indian perspective on surrealism. It depicts a recurring dream he had ... "molded through the mind of a spiritually anointing mix of modern-future primitive tribal existence." The buildings on one corner represent the urban part of Indian life. On the opposite one, the teepee with the circle inside symbolizes the center of the universe for Natives.

However, it is the center of the piece that draws viewer's attention: there are two figures of Natives and a monster of some sort. Shield adds, "I used to have this recurring dream that a demon was going to take me, but thanks to my grandfather's teachings and because I'm very connected to my ways, that demon could never take me." The piece also includes other Native motifs such as deer antlers and a feather. "Art comes in all forms," Shields concludes. Everyone is invited to visit the Multicultural Center and admire Shields's art. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. The MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and

Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces, preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. For more information, contact [c.estradaunderwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estradaunderwood@msun.edu) or call (406) 265-3589.

## Announcements

### Mandatory Federal Loan Exit Counseling Session

Attention fall graduates:

Federal Regulations require any students who receive a Federal Student Loan to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of their program. MSU-Northern invites you to attend one of our annual exit counseling sessions. The sessions will be held:

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. (NOON) and 5:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. (NOON) and 5:30 p.m.**

Both sessions will take place in the library basement, Computer Lab B. During the sessions you will learn about the following information:

- Consolidating your Federal Student Loans
- Deferments
- Forbearance
- Repayment Options

Please contact Financial Aid/Financial Success at 265-3787 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### MSU-Northern Community Concert - Nov. 18

**MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Presents:**  
**A NIGHT OF classic ROCK**  
**INCLUDING MUSIC FROM THE EAGLES, BEATLES, MICHAEL JACKSON, AND MORE...**  
**November 18, 2014 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fifth Avenue Christian Church**  
**FREE Admission**  
Featuring Guest Guitarist Mike Carey on Classical Gas and The Nerds of Notes  
Rhonda Minnick, Conducting

### Outstanding Faculty Workshops - Nov. 15

Rigorous Grading Using Microsoft Word AutoCorrect: Plus Google Docs Workshop  
Hosted by Erik Bean, Ed.D., the sessions will run for an hour plus a Q & A time.

Please consider coming to one of two sessions on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Cowan Room 113. The first session begins at 10:00 a.m., and the second session begins at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Erik Bean will show us how to increase rigor and grade faster using Microsoft Word AutoCorrect.

Erik will demonstrate how to:

- Insert APA and MLA Feedback & Grammar in seconds
- Insert Pictures, Sound, & Video Comments
- Enable AutoCorrect in Word Prior to 2007
- Enable AutoCorrect in Word for MAC
- Backup and Restore AutoCorrect
- Enable AutoCorrect Action in Google Docs

Contact Justin Mason, ext.3775, to reserve a seat at one of the two sessions. Books will be provided free of charge to participants.

For more information: <http://www.gradingefficiently.com/>

## Santa's Run - Nov. 29

A new holiday tradition could be in the making.

On Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Havre's first "Santa's Run" takes off down Third Avenue. Santa's Run will be a fun-filled one mile run/walk with prizes for the best costumes and race times. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun that will also include the community tree lighting and holiday caroling. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. on race day at Master Sports, with the race starting at 4:30 p.m. The Havre Santa's Run is sponsored by BNSF in partnership with the Havre Chamber. We encourage participants to dress up as your favorite holiday character Santa Claus! The younger racers are encouraged to dress up like one of Santa's elves. Santa's Run is an opportunity to make timeless holiday memories.

## Christmas Tree Lighting - Dec 5

Northern will host their annual Christmas tree lighting on December 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. Please join us for some Christmas joy and treats. They even plan to have oatmeal raisin cookies!

## Weekly Articles

### Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that the Northern Lights wrestling team has been ranked in the top 20 for 63 consecutive polls?

### The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

#### Windows 8 Tips

##### Back to Basics: Navigation, part 1

When you start Windows 8 it opens on the lock screen, which looks pretty but unfortunately doesn't really give you any clues about what to do next.

Just tap the space bar, spin the mouse wheel or swipe upwards on a touch screen to reveal a regular login screen. Enter your username and password to begin.

Windows 8's interface is all colorful tiles and touch-friendly applications. If you're using a tablet then it's all be very straightforward: just swipe left or right to scroll the screen, and tap any tile of interest. On a regular desktop you can spin the mouse wheel to scroll backward and forward. You can also use the keyboard to scroll left and right - just press the **Home** or **End** key and jump from one end of your Start screen to the other.

You can right-click apps you don't need and select **Unpin** to remove them. And you can drag and drop the tiles around to organize them as you like.

The Start screen apps are initially displayed in fairly randomly, but it's easy to sort them into customized groups: Pinch your fingers together on the Start screen or click the little minus icon in the lower right-hand corner (it's at the end of the horizontal scroll bar) to zoom out and see all the tiles that are on your start screen. To rearrange the groups, press and hold or click and drag the group to move it to a new position. You can name your groups by right-clicking on the background and then clicking **Name groups**. Select which group you want to name, and type a name.

## Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

### Veteran's Day, Veterans' Day, or Veterans Day?

I know this a little late-coming, but as I edited some of the other articles for the NNN this week, I found myself questioning the proper spelling of our nation's celebratory day for military employees. I originally changed every usage of "Veteran's Day" to "Veterans' Day" because it's not just one veteran's day, but all veterans' day. Then I figured I should go to the source to find the true spelling, something not based on speculation and personal rationale.

According to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), the proper spelling is "Veterans Day" and here's why: "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans; it is a day for honoring all veterans." Personally I feel that a clearer title for this day would be "The Day to Honor Veterans" if you didn't want people assuming the possessive and using apostrophes all over the place. But, alas, I do not make the rules, and "The Day to Honor Veterans" is more of a mouthful anyway. I understand the reasoning behind the name.

Even though Veterans Day is over, let's continue to honor veterans for giving up hundreds of days of family, friends, and enjoyment to ensure our country's safety and wholeness. They are heroes and should be hailed for their sacrifices.

## 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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