

This Week on Campus

SkillsUSA State Conference and Championships



This week MSU-Northern proudly hosted the 2015 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. This year, SkillsUSA celebrated 50 years of excellence- "50 Years of Champions at Work." Every year MSU-Northern strives to provide high school and postsecondary students around the state with a rigorous competition in a variety of industries from plumbing to advanced machining, and this year's festivities did not disappoint. The competition was fierce due to the immense amount of talent represented at the conference. The winners in each category were recognized for their outstanding achievements, and Northern also awarded scholarships to the winners. The Northern winners and their categories are as follows:

Automotive Service Technology College/Postsecondary:

Gold: Conner Schnicke - MSU-Northern - MT

Bronze: Nathan Baird - MSU-Northern - MT

Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance College/Postsecondary:

Gold: Beau Dauwalder - MSU-Northern - MT

Diesel Equipment Technology College/Postsecondary:

Gold: Joe Vernon - MSU-Northern - MT

Bronze: Randy Roeber - MSU-Northern - MT

Extemporaneous Speaking College/Postsecondary:

Gold: Sheridan Stranger Horse - MSU-Northern - MT

Job Interview College/Postsecondary:

Gold: Joe Vernon - MSU Northern

"Spring into Fall 2015" - Register Today to Win a 40"TV



Quick - before the spring semester ends, "Spring into Fall" by registering for your fall semester classes! By registering early, you get the class schedule that works best for you, plus you will be entered into a drawing for some really great prizes. The grand prize is a 40" HDTV! To qualify for the drawing you must be:

- A returning student who has pre-registered for fall classes by April 30
- Registered for 15 credits (12 credits for nursing students or 8 credits for graduate student)
- Attending classes in the fall (to receive prizes)

All students who meet the qualifications will be automatically entered into the drawing. Winning entries will be drawn on May 1. Prizes will be awarded at the first home football game in the fall.

ASMSUN ELECTION - Update



Yesterday morning (April 16) Dr. William Rugg, MSU-Northern Provost, attended the 7:00 a.m. Student Senate Meeting and swore in the new student senate members.

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) would like to thank those students who voted to elect the 2015-16 Student Senate officers.

The new senate membership is:

President - Mikal Mavencamp

Vice President - Randy Roeber

Business Manager - Tayla Snapp Farar

Program Council Coordinator - Trent Noel

Rec. Council Coordinator - Casey Kinyon

Sustainability Coordinator - Joe Vernon

Senators at Large:

Emily Russell

Alicia Mason

Kendra Burchak

Kyla McNamara

Student Art Show



Northern's annual student art began last Monday and will run through the 24th. The beautiful and interesting art pieces are on display in the gallery upstairs in the Student Union Building. The show is a great opportunity for anyone to discover the artistic talents of Northern's students and will feature this year's creations in painting, ceramics, design and photography. Stop by and take in the fine arts Northern has to offer.

The Queen of Karaoke- Whitney Aschim

Northern's karaoke contest culmination occurred this week, and the reigning Queen of Karaoke is the lovely and talented Whitney Aschim. Being the best YouTube karaoke star isn't easy. You have to have both

musical skill and theatrics to keep the crowd pleased, and that's just what Aschim did. She was awarded a \$100 gift certificate to the MSUN Bookstore. Denise Brewer sends out a special thank you to student Trent Noel, Professor Eleazer Resurreccion and staff member Rachel Dean for judging the competition. She also thanks all the students who participated each month at the karaoke night activities. See you next year, and congratulations Whitney!

Spring Graduates Complete Exit Counseling Sessions

Exit counseling sessions took place this past Wednesday and Thursday. Any students who have received Federal Student Loans were mandated to attend exit counseling upon completion of their degrees, so if you were unable to attend one of the sessions, please contact Karen Terrell @ 265-3776 or stop in Cowan 213G to set up an appointment.

Intramural/Recreation Coed Softball Begins

Intramural & Recreation coed softball is up and running. Though some game nights have passed, there will be more on the following dates: April 20 and 21. There will be a tournament held on April 25th at 2 p.m. Come support your favorite coed softball team at the upcoming games. It'll be fun!

Can you Name a Famous Theme Park?

How about a tropical island? If you have vacations on the brain, we need your help to put together Northern's very own "Family Feud"-style game. Just **CLICK HERE** to answer a few questions and YOUR answers could show up on the game board!

Get Your Ticket for the Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame Dinner

Tickets are still available for The Founders' Excellence Award presentation and MSU-Northern's Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony which will be happening Friday, May 1 in the Student Union Building Ballroom on MSU-Northern's campus. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and dinner is included. Doors will open at 6pm and the ceremony starts at 7 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation at (406) 265-3711.

The 2015 Founders' Excellence Award recipients will be Mike Tilleman and Gerry Veis ('83). The 2015 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame are Coach Sherry Winn and Charna Ophus Seibert ('93 & '94).

New Student Success Advisor



We are pleased to announce the recent hire of our new Student Success Advisor, Paul Techo. Paul began his work at Northern last Wednesday.

Paul is a former educational researcher and teacher, who has experience at every level of education including tutoring and working with at-risk students and non-traditional students. He has also worked as a law clerk in private law firms and for a judge in the interesting town of Pahrump, Nevada.

As an undergraduate, he graduated with a degree in Psychology with a Minor in Chemistry. Paul finished his Master's Degree in Educational Guidance and Counseling at Loyola Marymount University and spent almost three years in Salt Lake City for Law School.

Please welcome Paul to the Northern family.

Upcoming Events

Over the River and Through the Woods - Last Weekend



Montana Actors' Theatre's newest show is *Over the River and Through the Woods*. It will run in the MSUN/MAT Theatre for these remaining dates: April 17-18 with the doors and backstage lounge opening at 7:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students attend for free with their valid IDs.

Audrey Barger is directing this show. Here's a little bit about the play:

Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey, who sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job, which would take him away from his beloved, but overbearing, grandparents. He tells them. The news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around, including bringing to dinner the lovely-and single-Caitlin O'Hare as bait.

The cast includes new MAT actors Chad McKenzie, Brian Dibble and Cathi Campanella as well as the familiar faces of Mindy Smith-Langel, Angela Murri, and Terry Munson. Be sure to catch this heart-warming, yet funny, tale of family, romance, and career ambitions!

Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet and Greet- April 17

By: Mary Heller

The First Annual Meet N' Greet hosted by Collegiate Stockgrowers at MSU-Northern will help introduce the newly formed club to the campus of MSU-Northern and the surrounding community. The students are hopeful that their participation will help with volunteer work in our region, as well as help them get involved with all issues facing the future of agriculture for years to come.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center. A simple dinner of hamburgers, salads, and desserts will be available along with a full bar. The dinner will be sponsored by Wild Horse Seeds, Hi-Line Chemical, Havre Ford, Moodie Implement, Big Equipment, Bear Paw Vet, and others. There will be two raffle items, donated by Norman's Ranch and Sportswear and Hi-Line Chemical. Door prizes and silent auction items will be another fun facet to the evening's events.

Guest speakers for the evening are: Gene Curry, President of Montana Stockgrowers Association; Teddy Crowley, President of North Central Stockgrowers; John Steuber, State Director for USDA/APHIS; George Edwards, Executive Director of the Montana Livestock Loss Board; and Nicole Gray, MSU-Hill County Extension Agent.

Live entertainment will be provided by MSU-Northern alumni, Holly Cartwright, and her grandpa, Gene Allen. Cartwright is a 2014 graduate of the MSUN AOT program, a current student in the business administration program, and a former member of the Collegiate Stockgrowers at MSU-Northern. For further information, or if interested in purchasing raffle tickets in advance, please contact Mary Heller at 265-3708. Members of the club can also be contacted on their Facebook page, Collegiate Stockgrowers MSU-N.



**Spring is Here,
Let's Clean Up Our Town!**

**Saturday, 4/18/15
8:30-11:30 am**

Recycle Hi-Line's monthly drive +
Havre PRIDE community clean-up event

Pick up trash in town and the surrounding area,
clean up your yard, spiff up your business.
Let's show our pride in our town + bring all your
recyclables to Pacific Steel & Recycling -
Clean with Lids Removed:
Plastics 1,2 & 4, Plastics 5, Glass
+Cardboard, Paper, Metal, Batteries,
Lightbulbs (in original boxes), E-Waste



The poster features several logos at the bottom: the Havre Chamber of Commerce logo, the Northern Sustainability logo, the Pacific Steel & Recycling logo, the Walmart logo, and the Recycle Hi-Line logo.

Northern Joins Havre Pride day! - April 18

Northern will helping to clean the streets of Havre this Saturday, April 18th at 9 a.m. Meet at the Pro-Putt parking lot (next to Taco John's on 5th Ave) Northern Pride t-shirts, coffee, and cinnamon rolls will be provided to all participants. (If you have a "Pride" shirt from previous years, feel free to wear it.)

We Will Be Cleaning:

- 5th Ave - from 10th Street north to 1st Street
- 13th Ave and hill behind married student housing

Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

Bring friends, bring family, and let's show a little Northern Pride!

14th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament - April 20

The 14th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament will be held on April 20 at 5 p.m. on the MSU-Northern's folf course. The tournament will include singles, doubles, and team divisions. Registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. Registration forms are due at the SUB Information Desk by April 20 at 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division and a free BBQ will follow on the SUB East Lawn.

World-Class Violinist, Jack Glatzer Returns to Campus - April 21

The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series proudly presents world-class violinist, Jack Glatzer, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center (ATC Building, MSU-Northern campus). Glatzer will perform a solo violin recital that will take you on a discovery voyage of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and the paintings of Rembrandt van Rijn. On this magical journey, the paintings of Rembrandt will be beautifully interwoven into the inspired musical interpretation of Bach by Glatzer. The artistry and music of Glatzer will not only captivate your senses, but touch your heart and nourish your soul. The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the Spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

Campus Improvement Day and Down Home Picnic - April 22

Since 1932, Northern has set aside a day for general campus clean-up and campus improvement. This year's Campus Improvement Day is set for April the 22nd at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU-Northern. Students, faculty and staff who participate in this event will receive a free T-shirt and are invited to a free down home picnic put on by Northern's Food Court.

Some of the projects assigned this year will be raking and general cleanup. Departments on campus are encouraged to clean up their own area. This is a day to take pride in Northern and make it the best it can possibly be.

Join a team or work on your own. Campus Improvement Day registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. Teams will meet at 1 p.m. in the SUB Lobby to receive T-shirts, work assignments and cleaning materials.

Wear your CID T-shirt to the picnic for free admission. The picnic buffet will cost \$8.95/one time through the buffet for those without a CID T-shirt. The buffet will include: fried chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw, cornbread muffins with honey butter, and an ice cream sundae bar.

Rock-Pop Band "Almost Classy" for Campus Improvement Day - April 22

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are inviting you to a free concert during the Campus Improvement Day picnic on April 22 at 5 p.m. The concert will be outside if the weather permits or in the SUB Ballroom. "Almost Classy" is an upbeat rock-pop band with a universal sound and tight melodic harmonies. They have opened for such iconic acts as ZZ Ward and Wilson Phillips, and were named the Los Angeles RAW Artists of the Year in 2012. They released their debut self-titled EP with a fall 2013 tour selling out shows from NYC to LA. In 2014 they continued touring the nation including shows in the college market. They have recently been featured in a new hit web series!



Hailing from all over the country, the boys of "Almost Classy" are thrilled to be living, writing, and playing music in, as well as about, Southern California. Together since 2009, they have been sharing their alternative pop-rock tunes with venues all over Los Angeles, steadily building a fan base and great reputation.

Check them out at <http://www.almostclassymusic.com>

Solid Finances Webinar - April 22

The next Solid Finances Webinar will take place April 22 from 12-1 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab. It is titled: "Responding to Change: Diminished Capacity, the Aging Population, and Financial Decisions."

Diminished capacity is a growing problem that can affect our financial picture. As the baby-boomer generation continues to reach retirement age in ever increasing numbers, the issue of diminished capacity is taking on a new and growing significance. The United States is the wealthiest country in the world and 75% of that wealth is concentrated in the hands of approximately 70 million people who, as they age, may be more likely to fall prey to fraud as a result of diminished capacity. It is incumbent to adapt to this emerging reality, address the accompanying issues in proactive ways and develop tools to lessen the impact on the financial life of those affected by diminished capacity. This presentation will help people protect their parents, siblings, clients, and even themselves before, during, and after diminished capacity begins.

There will be a sack lunch option available. Please RSVP no later than noon on April the 21st if you plan to attend. And check out www.msuextension.org/solidfinances for more information.

NorthPoint Auction - April 23

The MSU-Northern campus adopted the NorthPoint Card Rewards Program in the fall of 2012. NorthPoint is a program developed to connect MSU-Northern students to Northern's extracurricular events and activities.

Over 350 students have earned points this semester for attending school-related events such as: intramural and recreation activities, dances, comedy or variety shows, the Chancellor's Lecture Series, SUB Fitness Center or the Pin-n-Cue recreation area. These points are calculated and posted in the SUB Lobby.

At the NorthPoint Auction, students spend those points on prizes. The silent auction begins April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Conference Room. The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m., in the Ballroom.

Throughout the evening, there will also be bingo games played for prizes. Refreshments and snacks will also be available.

Seventh Annual TekNoXpo - Apr. 23

MSU-Northern's 7th annual Technology-Knowledge-Exposition (TekNoXpo) will begin on Thursday, April 23, 2015. The TekNoXpo is an amazing opportunity for Montana high school students to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences.

As always, the educational tracks include agriculture, automotive technology, welding, civil engineering, plumbing, electrical tech and diesel tech. Northern has added an additional facet to this year's TekNoXpo-nursing. Students interested in the nursing field will have the opportunity to tour the nursing department, take part in patient care interactive demonstrations, and visit with the nursing faculty.

The yearly Big Equipment Rodeo is always one of the highlights of this event. It includes skid steer racing, backhoe basketball, and the excavator simulator event. This specific portion of the TekNoXpo is made possible by generous donors who provide the machinery for the yearly event.

To register, go to: <http://msunteknexpo.weebly.com/> For more information, call Northern's Big Sky Pathways Program Director, Holly Haas at 406-265-3723. This event is meant to intensify students' interest in the trades and boost enrollment in MSU-Northern's technology programs. TekNoXpo offers an experience like no other, with hands-on learning and personal guidance into growing career fields. If you know students who are excelling in the technical sciences, send them to the TekNoXpo.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Save Time in D2L - Apr. 17

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Efficient Workflows in D2L. Sometimes spending fifteen minutes the right way can save you hours of work later. It could mean using your gradebook differently, or automating a common email message, or having your students submit their work to you in a different format.

Join us for Tech Snacks, tell us about your "end of semester" tasks, and we may be able to give you some tips and tools to save you time. Work smarter, not harder! Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, April 17, in the Extended University office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in the Brockmann Center conference room at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Joseph P. Gone: Cultural Sensitivity Conferences - Apr. 22

Please seriously consider attending this conference as Dr. Joseph P. Gone is a nationally recognized authority on the topic of cultural psychology-particularly Native American. It is truly a unique opportunity to hear him speak. The first conference welcomes everyone on campus and the local community and the evening one is primarily aimed toward mental health professionals.

11:00 a.m. Striving for Ambitious Achievement in an American Indian Community: A study of the Gros Ventre cultural ideals.

Location: TBA

7:00 p.m. Traditional Culture, Professional Treatment, & Therapeutic Integration: Lessons from a Native American Community Healing Lodge.

Location: Henzler Auditorium, MSU-N campus

We are very excited to welcome him to Havre as he is from Fort Belknap (Gros Ventre). This is a joint effort among the MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs, Hill County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, and Stone Child College.

For more information, contact Cristina Estrada-Underwood 265-3589 or Amber Spring 265-3783.

Grant Development and Administration Training - Apr. 22

Members of MSU-Bozeman's Office of Sponsored Programs have agreed to offer a training for people interested in pursuing and administrating grant funding opportunities.

The training will be held on the morning of April 22nd, and will cover a variety of topics including:

* Developing your grant proposal

- * Grant compliance issues
- * Administrating your grant
- * Grant reporting

Bozeman's Office of Sponsored Programs manages over a thousand different grants every year. They are experts in the field of grants, and can offer valuable information and insight into the grants process.

If you've thought about pursuing grant funding for research or programs at MSU-Northern, it would be very beneficial for you to attend.

The Grants and Sponsored Programs Office and the Provost Office will be hosting a lunch following the workshop for those who RSVP.

Please RSVP to the Grants and Sponsored Programs Office, samantha.clawson@msun.edu ext 3585.

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. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Weekly Articles

From the Career Center

By Mary Heller

Are you ready for fulltime employment after graduation in May? Do you still need help with your resume, cover letter, and interviewing tips? Come to the Career Center for help with these items as soon as you can, and avoid waiting until the last minute!

Also, if any students are planning to take summer co-op credits, they need to come to the Career Center as soon as possible to sign up. They will need to have the co-op information ready to add to their profiles on CareerExpress including their employer's name and contact information. Students also need to check with Financial Aid to be sure they are prepared to pay for these credits throughout the summer. Payment schedules need to be taken care of with the Business Office.

All students who register for a summer co-op are encouraged to attend a workshop. Three workshops will be given and each student needs to attend one. These workshops are designed to instruct the students on how the co-ops work, what documentation they are responsible for and learn the rules regarding co-ops as well. These workshops will be held in the Library Computer Lab (downstairs) on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 21st at noon
- Wednesday, April 22nd at 8 a.m.
- Friday, April 24th at 10 a.m.

For more information please contact the Career Center at 265-4198 or visit <http://www.msun.edu/career/>

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

"Help-I need 5 articles for my paper!" Is this you? A good starting place to find articles is the Academic Search Complete or Academic OneFile databases. Both databases include articles on many, many topics and have lots of complete articles you can download. If your topic is a "hot social issue," try the "Opposing Viewpoints In Context" or "Points of View" databases for articles, topic overviews, and statistics. Do you still need additional information? Try some of the specialized subject databases that can be found on at <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/dbtopics.htm>. For additional help stop by or call Belinda Potter (Library room 208, 265-3706, x3038), Instruction and Reference Librarian. She can help you find those elusive resources that you are looking for.

Extended Hours start on Monday, April the 20th. The Vande Bogart Library will be open until 11 p.m. most nights (except Friday and Saturday) until April the 29th. The library is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Check the library's webpage (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/index.htm>) for a complete listing of hours.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

You are in for a real treat this week; you will get not one but two TidBits!

TidBit #1

In the fall of 1980, a young man started teaching at Northern Montana College after he graduated from NMC just two years earlier. After teaching for the past 35 years, Professor Kevin Johnson will be retiring. Let's take a look back to when Mr. Johnson started teaching at NMC. Jimmy Carter was President of the United States, milk was \$1.60 a gallon, stamps were \$0.15, a gallon of gas was \$1.03 and a brand new VHS recorder was over \$500.00. 1980 was also the year in which CNN and ESPN began broadcasting and the arcade game Pac-Man was introduced. On the Northern campus, the Library, which we now know as the Vande Bogart Library, was in the beginning phases of construction and Dr. James H.M. Erickson was the College President. Thank you Mr. Johnson, for your years of teaching Northern students. Congratulations on being a 2015 Golden "N" recipient.

TidBit #2

Did you know that Northern has direct connection with the new movie release "The Longest Ride" starring Scott Eastwood? PRCA / PBR rodeo clown Flint Rasmussen has a small role in the film and is credited as PBR Entertainer. Rasmussen is considered one of the finest "rodeo clowns" or "rodeo barrelmen" in the business. After graduating from college, Flint taught at Havre High School and was during this time that he was also the PA announcer for the Lights and Skylights.

For more information on Flint Rasmussen, please go the Internet Movie Database (IMDb) at http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1224757/?ref_=ttfc_fc_cl_t49 or the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) website at <http://www.pbr.com/en/specials/flint.aspx>