

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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## *This Past Week*

### Fall 2015 Career Fair



The Armory Gymnasium was full of bustling activity on Monday, October 12, as Northern hosted the first career fair day of the academic year. The Career Center was able to bring forty-one employers to campus. This is the largest number ever to attend the fall event, and the 305 students in attendance made it the largest Northern career fair to date.

Feedback from all employers was very positive; many stating they were impressed with how many students arrived with resumes in hand. One agriculture employer informed the Career Center that they had just attended another Montana university fair the week before, and didn't have near the number of interested agriculture students stopping by their booth as they did at Northern's fair.

The Career Center thanks everyone for their help in setting up and tearing down for the big day. A special thank you goes out to all of the crews in the Athletic Department, Physical Plant, University Relations, Food Services, Event Coordinator, Media Center, Vande Bogart Library, Bioenergy Center, Advising Center, IT Department, and the faculty who brought students to



[2015 Fall Career Fair](#)

the fair, released students from class to attend, or gave extra credit to their students to attend. All of your hard work and willingness to give up your offices for interview rooms is greatly appreciated.

The spring career fair will take place on Monday, February 8, 2016 and will also be in the Armory Gymnasium. We encourage all students to prepare for the next stream of employers who will be here at that time. Networking is a key ingredient for building your career; it's not all what you know, but who you know. Please come to the Career Center for early preparation tips.

## New Regent Visits Campus



Robert Nystuen, one of the newest members of the Montana Board of Regents, and Sue Jones, from the Office of the Commissioner Higher Education, were on campus Monday as part of Nystuen's personal goal to visit all of the campuses in the Montana University System. Nystuen lived in Havre for many years so he said, "it felt like he was coming home." During his visit, he saw first-hand all of the changes to the campus since he left and caught a vision for what Northern wants to do in the future with its buildings and programs.



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree



The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree took place last weekend, and though the blustery winds made for some extra challenges, this social fundraising event was still a success. Professional sports legends and other interested individuals travel from across the United States to take part in this one-of-a-kind experience. Some are serious hunters, some just come to see old friends and have a good time, and a good time was had by all who took part in the event.

## **MAT *Everybody Loves Zombies, Except Ashley* Opens Tonight**



This weekend, and two weekends to follow, Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) will present: *Everybody Loves Zombies, Except Ashley*, an original musical written by Martin Holt with music by Marjorie Holt. The show will run October 16-17, 23-24, and 29-31. The doors and backstage lounge will open at 7:30 p.m., and the

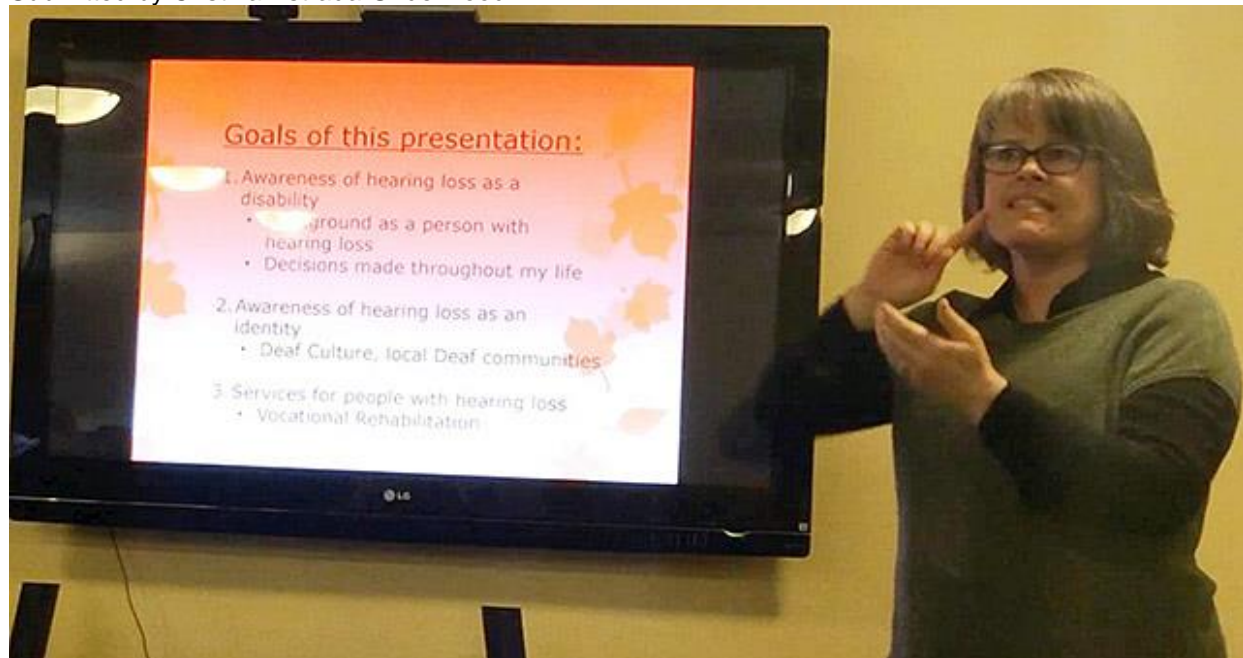
show will begin at 8 p.m. for each performance. There will be a special matinee October 31, at 2 p.m. with the doors and lounge opening at 1:30 p.m.

Here's a snippet of what you can expect from this show: A young makeup artist working on a movie set in Montana falls in love with the lively and liberated assistant director, who in turn is in love with the arrogant and unlikable lead actor. Throw in an eccentric director, a sulky and resentful best boy, a quiet script girl with a secret side, and a cameraman who is obsessed with sandwiches, and you have the recipe for a wild romantic ride - and that's before the zombies show up.

For tickets, adults cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military can attend for \$10 each. MSUN students can attend free of charge by presenting their current I.D.s. Tickets are available at Fiveheads, Bear Paw Meats, Computer Center, Bear Paw Montana Realty, and online. Strong Adult language and themes, may not be suitable for younger audiences.

## **Tulloch Shares Insights Into Hearing Loss as a Disability**

Submitted by Cristina Estrada-Underwood



Shawn Tulloch, Program Manager and Deaf Services specialist, talked about awareness of hearing loss as a disability, awareness of hearing loss as an identity, and services and resources for people with a hearing loss (advocacy). She used her personal journey to illustrate how she was born hearing, but as a toddler she lost this ability. As a child, although she needed the help of tutors and special teachers, at home she never received special treatment between her and his brother, who is hearing able. Growing up in a hearing world always encompassed challenges for her such as for example confusion with abstract vocabulary concepts, words that look similar on lips, and more fatigue. Attending college wasn't an easy task either, but after receiving support from tutors, note-takers, sign language interpreters, and technology aids, she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Language Arts from Hope College in Holland, Michigan and a Master's degree in Special Education-Deaf Education from Michigan State University. Tulloch also talked about accommodations teachers and employers can provide to set the hearing impaired whether at college or work for success. The presentation was doubled in American Sign Language by Great Falls Interpreting Services. Clips of it will be available to faculty, students, and staff through the "Tech Snacks" sessions offered by Extended University.

This lecture was designed to acknowledge October as National Disabilities Employment Month, Shawn's Perspectives of Deaf Communities and Deaf Services was a presentation sponsored by Extended University, the Learning Success Center, and the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the Disability Employment and Transition Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services in Bozeman, MT.



## Chancellor's Lecture Series- "Hidden in Plain Sight" Photo Display



This week, the Chancellor's Lecture Series brought in the photography art display, "Hidden in Plain Sight" - a collection of Jill Brody's most masterful photography. The display hung in the Vande Bogart Library all week, and Brody offered a free talk to some graphics students and during the reception on Thursday.

Please visit the website to see the Fall 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:  
<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>.

Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series is an annual event designed to stimulate and enhance the intellectual climate of the University and surrounding communities.

## Student Spotlight- Michelle Lonebear

By Kimmi Boyce

Like many college students, MSU-Northern undergraduate Michelle Lonebear enjoys spending her free time reading, working out, and spending time with family, but instead of filling her summer with relaxation and leisure, Lonebear undertook the challenge of a summer internship. And while her recreational choices may seem standard, her professional aspirations are quite unconventional and impacting. As a science student at Northern, Lonebear pursued a full-time internship with Aaniiih Nakoda College to take part in their West Nile Virus research.

Upon the recommendation of her Northern advisor, Lonebear applied for the internship/co-op that earned her six credits this summer while she participated in intriguing research. Her favorite part of the position was the field work, trapping mosquitoes and then testing them for West Nile Virus in the lab. Her hours of commitment to this internship will enable her to graduate within the next two years, which is currently one of her central life goals.



Lonebear believed her work experience would solely include one lab testing project, but much to her surprise and enjoyment, she was able to work alongside other employees on a variety of research endeavors. Though Lonebear might not have taken in many relaxing and rejuvenating days in the sun this summer, she strode bravely towards her goal to graduate on a fixed timeline. In the process, she learned

invaluable information and gained experience that will help her jump straight from her education at Northern into the bustling science field and workforce.

## *Important Notices*

### **Important Dates**

- 10/22/2015 - Last day to add a 2nd-half-semester class
- 10/26/2015 - Last day to drop a full-semester class with a "W"
- 10/26/2015 - Advanced registration for spring semester 2016 begins
- 10/28/2015 - Last day to drop a 2nd-half-semester class without a "W"
- 11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Assessing Assessments - Oct. 16**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Assessing Assessments. What makes a useful assessment? How should we document student learning? Did you know that D2L has tools to help you assess the effectiveness of your quiz questions? Are there any faculty at MSU-Northern with opinions about assessment? If so, we'd love to hear them. We'll bring the snacks and fresh coffee. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, October 16) 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 will take place at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme: "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

You can submit proposals 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 and 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*

### **Northern Student Clubs Host BBQ Fundraiser - Oct. 17**

MSU-Northern's student clubs will be hosting a fundraising barbeque to strengthen the resource fund the campus clubs share and use to host student, campus, and community events. The event will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2015, in the ATC Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a full pork barbeque meal. Local businesses have donated supplies to cover the cost of food, so all proceeds from the occasion will support student clubs. Rather than charge a set fee, the Inter-Organization Council (I.O.C) will ask the attendees to donate funds.

During the meal, and throughout the duration of the event, community members will have opportunities to meet with Northern's club members to learn what they are about and what activities they are involved in—namely, what part each club plays in the dynamic of Northern life. This luncheon will be a great opportunity for community and business leaders to network with some of Northern's very driven and involved students and leaders. New ties could be fostered by this fundraiser, and the effects could benefit the campus and community alike. To complement the meal and social aspect of the event, the MSU-Northern Ambassadors will be providing tours around campus for those interested in learning more about MSUN; and SkillsUSA will

be providing rides in the iconic "Goose" touring vehicle. Weather permitting, there will also be a bouncy house for the kids.

For further information on this event, or if you're interested in donating to this event, please feel free to contact MSU-Northern Student Senate Vice President Randy Roeber on his cell at 406-490-4870 or email [asmsunvicepres@msun.edu](mailto:asmsunvicepres@msun.edu).

## **Havre Trails Stargazing Event- Oct. 17**

Havre Trails and the Friends of Beaver Creek Park welcome the Hi-line community to enjoy an evening under the stars at the Beaver Creek County Park. The event will take place at Rotary Hill, Saturday, October the 17th from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and spend a comfortable evening stargazing. After a tour of the constellations, a viewing session with telescopes will round out the evening in Beaver Creek Park. The public is also welcome to bring their own telescopes if they wish.

To reach Rotary Hill, drive 15.2 miles south of the Border Patrol station at the south end of Havre. At the turnoff, there will be a flashing red light. Turn left and proceed to the designated parking area. Don't forget to mark your calendar and enjoy what the park has to offer.

In the event of inclement weather (high winds, cloudy conditions, etc.), the program will be called off on site and on the Havre Trails Facebook page. If you have any questions, e-mail: [havretrails@gmail.com](mailto:havretrails@gmail.com) or call 406-301-3991.

## **Come try Curling for Free! - Oct. 17**

Head out to the ice dome Saturday to try out this fun sport of curling.

- October 17, 1-5 p.m.
- October 24, 2-6 p.m.

League team slots are open for the 2015-16 season. MSU-Northern student discounts available. Contact: Facebook.com/hiline.curlingclub, [hilinecurling@gmail.com](mailto:hilinecurling@gmail.com)

## **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. However, in order to take this second training, participants must first take Module I. At the end of it, they will receive a decal and button that formally identifies them as LGBTQ allies. Those interested in signing in for Module II, please register in advance by contacting [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or x 3589. For more information also contact [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or x 3164.

## **8-Ball Traveling Pool League- Oct. 20**

Join a two-man 8-ball traveling pool league starting on October 20 in the SUB Pin-n-Cue. Each week we will be traveling from the SUB to Morgan Hall to MacKenzie Hall with a final tournament the last night in the SUB. For more information, please contact Denise Brewer at: [brewer@msun.edu](mailto:brewer@msun.edu).

## **Northern Native Alumni Association meeting - Oct. 21**

The next Northern Native Alumni Association meeting will take place on October 21, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. The guest speaker is Yvonne Tiger, University of Oklahoma Native Alumni. She will be talking about the activities this organization is currently promoting. For more information, contact: [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) x3164.

## **Karaoke at Northern - Oct. 21, Nov. 18**

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee will hold a karaoke night at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The remaining dates are, October 21 and November 18. The last night of the semester, we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate. Come on out, and join the fun!



## Canadian Dance Troupe to Participate in Northern's Festival of Nations, A Day in Colombia - Oct. 24



Join us for an exciting United Nations Day (October 24, 2015) with their 2nd Annual Festival of Nations- "A Day in Colombia." The dancing troupe, Mi Colombia Linda (My Beautiful Colombia), from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, will be performing traditional Colombian rhythms like cumbia, sanjuanero, and joropo. In addition to these dances, MSUN student Nicola Ivanovic will be presenting information about his country, Serbia, and Ophelia Gustafson will be representing Hawaii on hula. There will be country displays, vendors of some international items, international food for sale by the MSUN Diversity Committee, and a silent auction.

This festival will take place October 24, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the MSUN Sub Ballroom. Entry for adults will be \$3, and kids can attend for \$1 each. Children under age five attend for free. There will also be free admission for those dressed in traditional international attire. All proceeds will support MSUN diversity programs. Tickets are on sale at Ben Franklin Crafts, Bear Paw Meats, and at Cowan Hall 308, Multicultural Center. For more information, contact: [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or x 3589. This event is sponsored by The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the MSUN Diversity Committee.

### Pumpkin Carving- Oct. 28

There will be pumpkin carving at the Student Family Housing community center, October 28, 2015, at 7 p.m. MSU-Northern will provide the pumpkins for all attendees.

### ASMSUN Program Council presents "Nelly's Echo"- Oct. 29

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are proud to present "Nelly's Echo" to the campus of MSU-Northern on October 29, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

An accomplished singer-songwriter and guitarist, Nelson Emokpae, also known as "Nelly," originally hails from Nigeria, Africa. He has drawn on his multicultural background and experiences to tell his story in music and lyrics. His skillful blend of soul, reggae, and blues, coupled with infectious hook lines and tremendous vocal abilities, transports the listener into a musical story. Emokpae has been compared to the likes of Seal



and Sting, with a little John Mayer thrown in as he mixes a little calypso, a little Afro-beat, and a lot of soul into a winning and charming style that is always a crowd pleaser.

This event is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty, and staff, and the community may attend for a small fee. Entry is \$5 per adult and \$3 per student. Read more about Nelson Emokpae at [www.nellysecho.com](http://www.nellysecho.com).

### **Campus/Community Halloween Party - Oct. 30**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Children can participate in the fishing pond, musical chairs, beanbag toss, mini golf, marshmallow toss, face painting, and all sorts of spooky games. Bring your children in their Halloween costumes, and they will have a "monster" of a good time! Super nachos and brownies will be available along with other refreshments.

### **Halloween Costume Dance - Oct. 30**

Have you decided what you'll be for Halloween this year? Create those Halloween costumes, and come on out for a great time at our upcoming Halloween costume dance- Friday, October the 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. "The Hitman" DJ service will play your favorite tunes for this costume dance, and, of course, there will be snacks. Attendees can win prizes for costumes in three categories. Judges will choose the most creative, the scariest, and the cutest costumes. Your local entertainment committee, ASMSUN Program Council, will sponsor this dance.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **TidBits**

By Bill Lanier

Many know and are aware of the rich history of Northern. If you are not, the Northern web page has an outstanding section on the history of Northern. This is a great place to hone your knowledge of Northern trivia and amaze your friends and co-workers.

<https://www.msun.edu/aboutmsun/history/>

There are two dates that held historical significance for Northern that are not listed on the timeline website. I want to see if any of our readers can pinpoint the importance of these two dates: September 8, 2006 and January 26, 2007. If you know what took place on these days, please e-mail me at: [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com). Next week, I will follow up this TidBit with more information on these mysterious dates of importance.