

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern

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*This Past Week*

## Fall Graduation



The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall graduation reception was held last night in Hensler Auditorium. This year, Northern had 52 students who were able to graduate in December. Students and family members enjoyed a brief ceremony followed by cake to celebrate this significant milestone. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to hearing what their futures hold. All of these graduates will also have the opportunity to receive their diplomas with their classmates in May.

## Torgerson's and Case IH Donated a Scout XL to Diesel Program



This week Jed Bengston from Case IH and Brion Torgerson, along with several staff members from Torgerson's of Havre were on hand to present the keys to Chancellor Greg Kegel for a \$22,000 Scout XL Utility Task Vehicle (UTV). This vehicle has proven to be very valuable to the diesel program especially since the classes are being held in various locations across campus while the New Diesel Technology Center is being constructed. The Torgerson company is a long-standing supporter of Northern's Ag and Diesel programs. Thank You Torgerson's, we couldn't do it without you!

## Cowboy Christmas



Last Saturday MSU-Northern's Rodeo Booster Club and Rodeo Team hosted their 16th annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. About 500 people attended this fun-filled event which is the Rodeo team's primary fundraiser of the year. By all indicators they will make about the same as last year. They had 32 live auction items and 70 silent auction items. Cynthia Bryson received outstanding rodeo team advocate of the year award.

All proceeds are used to finance the MSU-N Rodeo team's travel expenses, practices, and scholarships. Thanks to all who took the time to support the team through this event. It means a lot to the rodeo participants, their families, and the rodeo fans. Northern would like to thank the hundreds of people who donated and bought auction items.

## MSU-Northern Community Choir Christmas Concert



MSU-Northern Community Choir and other local musicians presented their fall semester Christmas concert last Saturday at the Havre High School auditorium. They presented a broad selection of choral arrangements, from traditional Christmas songs, like *Away in A Manger* and *Angels We Have Heard on High* to a choral version of Freddie Mercury's version of *Somebody to Love*. They were also part of the annual Piano and Pipes concert at First Lutheran church. The MSU-Northern Community Choir is a one-credit class that is available every Fall semester for students.

## Hansel and Gretel Christmas Panto Opens Tonight



Imagine Grimm's Fairy Tales, Monty Python, Shrek, a drag show and a Saturday Morning Cartoon all mixed together and you have some idea of what a Panto is. This Christmas, the Montana Actors' Theatre brings an English tradition to the stage at MSU-Northern with *Hansel and Gretel a Christmas Panto*. This performance will be fun for the entire family, encouraging children to interact with the actors and sing along with the songs. It is truly a laugh out loud comedy full of slapstick, ridiculous puns, and over the top antics.

You will want to add it to your holiday activity plans. Show dates are, Dec. 9-11, 15-18, 22-24, tickets are available on line for \$15/Adults, \$10/Students/Seniors/Military, \$5/kids grades k-8, and MSU-Northern students and staff are free at the door on a first come first serve bases with a current campus ID.

[Click Here](#) to buy your tickets online

## International Poetry Reading Coming Next Semester

Campus and community members are invited to help us celebrate a love of poetry and languages at an International Poetry Reading on the evening of April 4th in the MAT. Co-organizers Valerie Guyant, assistant professor of English and Cristina Estrada-Underwood, Director, Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs invite members of the community, international students, national students, faculty and staff, whether native speakers or just learning a language for the first time, to join us in celebrating our collective linguistic and cultural diversity by volunteering to read, chant, sing and sign in languages other than modern, standard English. We wish to give people who speak another language a chance to share their language, and we want to give people in the audience the opportunity to enjoy those languages and admire those who speak them.

At this time, we are asking only to know what language you plan to share with the audience in an approximately five to ten-minute presentation. After the first of the year, we will ask that you send in a copy of your selection in the original language and in translation to be included in the program

Please contact Valerie Guyant at [Valerie.guyant@msun.edu](mailto:Valerie.guyant@msun.edu) or 406-265-4173 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

## Holiday Dinner and Fundraiser for Russell Whitaker



The Northern family held their annual Holiday dinner Wednesday night. The Collegiate Stockgrowers club, along with Sweetgrass Society, PAS Club, IOC and a few other clubs on campus joined together to also hold a fundraiser for Russell Whitaker. In addition to enjoying a delicious meal, there will be several silent auction items to bid on and a donation box for Russell to help cover his dad's funeral expenses. His dad passed away unexpectedly just before Thanksgiving.

## Book Discussion Group Starts Next Semester

The Multicultural Center is pleased to announce a book discussion group, led by Dr. Valerie Guyant, planned for February 6th at 4:00 pm. Anyone interested is invited to come to the Multicultural Center before that date to check out a copy of *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. Butler is recognized as the first American black woman to write science fiction novels and *Kindred* is possibly her most famous work. This combination of slave memoir, fantasy, and historical fiction is a

novel of rich complexity, but also an entertaining, easy read. Community members, faculty, staff, and students are all welcome. Please drop by and get a copy before the holiday!

## The Recognized Classifieds

By Debra Bradley and Jenn Anderson

Jane Stuart - Administrative Associate II for the Registration Office is the next Classified Staff to be recognized!

Alisha Schroder, the Registrar commented that Jane is a long standing member of the Northern family. She brings valuable knowledge and history to their department. Jane has helped a lot of students over the years to navigate the policy and procedures on campus. Students still will call her if they need help. Jane has positively impacted students' lives here at Northern. She loves to fish, enjoys doing crafts and is a very active member and past president of the local # 2235 of the AFSCME.

## NorthPoint Auction



Over 70 students attended the Fall Semester NorthPoint auction. The student body massed a total of 1,460,000 points for the semester. Individual points earned ranged from 500-41,000 points.

Most of the prizes were live auctioned by Kyle Leeds and about 20 items were bid upon in the silent auction. There were 10 door prizes chosen with the "big prize" of a small chest freezer going to James Huggins. Approximately 10 games of Bingo were played amongst the auction, which lasted about 2.5 hours.

A tremendous thanks to Trent Noel, Program Council Coordinator, for his hard work this semester in conducting all his programming events. Also, to Alicia Mason and Jessica Hoel for their administering the organization of the intramural events this semester.

## BPA Hosting Holiday Candy Cane Gram



Spreading holiday cheer, Business Professionals of America (BPA) club member Courtney Cota hands out candy canes to students. This was the first time BPA has put on this fundraiser and hopes to hold more events like this in the future. The club sold 180 candy canes in total.

Happy Holidays from your MSU-Northern Business Professionals of America club!

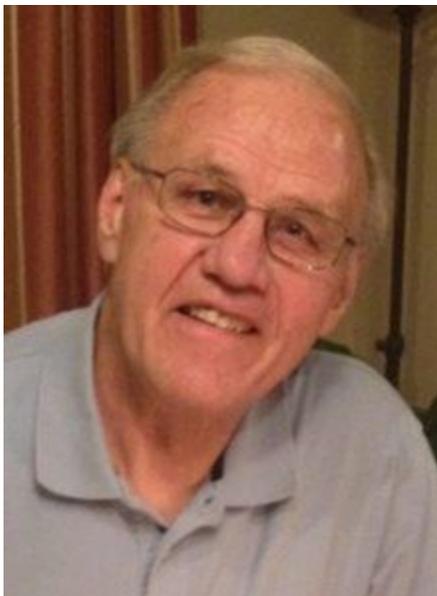
## A Conversation with Ellen Baumlner about the History of the Chinese and African-Americans in Montana

Interpretative historian Ellen Baumlner discusses her research on Chinese and African-Americans in Montana, the reasons they came to this land, as well as their past and present contributions to the landscape of our region. On this conversation, Baumlner also describes her personal development as a historian working for the Montana Historical Society for the past 24 years.



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## Bill Byars Passed Away on Nov. 22



On November 22, 2016 former Vice Chancellor for Administration and Director of Fiscal Affairs Mr. William (Bill) R. Byars Sr. passed away in Billings from Brain Cancer. Mr. Byars began working at Northern Montana College in 1977 as the Controller and retired from MSU-Northern in 1999. While working at Northern he spent several years as an Advisor to the Student Senate (Central Board). Mr. Byars was also awarded the prestigious Golden "N" Award during his tenure at Northern. One winter, during a water line break at Morgan Hall, there was discussion that students were taking the no water in stride and he proclaimed proudly "That is because we have the best students in Montana". He was a good man with kind heart. RIP Mr. Byars.

Please visit <http://www.heightsfamilyfuneralhome.com> to see the entire obituary or to leave a message for the family.

## Important Announcements

### Next Week is Finals Week

[Click Here](#) to download a copy of the fall 2016 semester finals schedule

### MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation Accepting Nominations for Achievement Awards

The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation is actively seeking nominations for the Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame awards for the 2017 year, with the awards ceremony to be held Friday, May 5th, 2017. These two awards help honor Northern's brightest and most successful alumni, athletes, and friends.

Founder's Excellence is an award to deserving individuals in honor of their professional accomplishments, loyalty, and service who have enhanced the development of Montana State University - Northern. In 1976, Founders' Day was added as an NMC tradition. Over the past 40 years 101 people have been honored with the Founders' Excellence Award. Candidates for the Founders' Excellence Award must be an alum, administrator, former faculty or staff, or friend of MSU-Northern who has made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession in one or more of the following areas: leadership, service to Northern, or by financially supporting Northern.

For a listing of Founders' Excellence Award recipients and additional information please visit:  
<http://www.northernalumnifoundation.org/founders-excellence.html>

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers, and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at either Northern Montana College or Montana State University-Northern. Other individuals may also be recognized for outstanding and meritorious service to Northern Athletics. Before election of any person to the Athletic Hall of Fame, the selection committee requires a written nomination consisting of the following: collegiate and/or coaching records of the nominee; achievements and honors since graduation/leaving Northern; professional and service accomplishments; other honors and awards; and a brief biography. In order for the nominees name to appear on the ballot, the selection committee must also receive three letters of support for each nominee.

For a listing of Hall of Fame inductees, nomination forms, and additional information about the Hall of Fame please visit:  
<http://www.northernalumnifoundation.org/athletic-hall-of-fame.html>

Although the Foundation collects nominations throughout the year, to be nominated for the 2017 class please submit your nomination by January 15, 2017. To nominate an individual for the Founders' Excellence Award or the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame please submit a letter of recommendation along with any other supporting documents to:

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## MLK Day 2017 Planning Committee Looking for Volunteers

The 2017 MLK Day Planning Committee is currently looking for volunteers to participate in a day of service. At this time the community partners are Opportunity Link, Vista AmeriCorps, and MSUN. If you as an individual or as an organization would like to participate in the community feed or the Read for Peace activity, please contact Cristina Estrada-Underwood at 265-3859, [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or Ben Dillon at 265-3581, [AmeriCorpsVISTA@msun.edu](mailto:AmeriCorpsVISTA@msun.edu). Read for Peace is an event that places volunteers in the elementary school classrooms to read age-appropriate books about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The objective is to bring the life and message of Dr. King into children's curriculums.

## Order Your Graduation Cap and Gown

Are you graduating May 2017? The Bookstore now has order forms available for your cap, gown, and tassel packages. Order before March 10, 2017, to avoid a \$5 rush fee. You may also order through [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). If you are graduating with your Master's, the online ordering will not be available through Jostens.com. Announcements are available for purchase in the store or you may customize them through Jostens.com. [Click Here](#) to download your order form.

## Jump Start Your FAFSA - Before Feb. 10

More good news! The 2017-2018 FAFSA is now available. Starting this year, you can now use your prior year's completed taxes. When filling out the FAFSA, use 2015 tax information. Get a jump start on FAFSA and financial aid by applying now. Be stress-free and apply today! The link to the FAFSA is: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> Priority deadline is February 10, 2016. If you have questions, contact the financial aid office at 406-265-3787 or [finaid@msun.edu](mailto:finaid@msun.edu).

## Upcoming Activities

### Student Activities - DECEMBER 2016

10th	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Grand Holiday Expo	Ballroom
12th-14th	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Book Buy Back	Bookstore
15th	6 & 8 p.m.	Skylights & Lights Basketball vs Nuestra	Hidatsu Gym
15th-18th	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Hansel & Gretel Christmas Panto	Cowan Hall Theatre
12-16th	FINAL'S WEEK		
22nd-24th	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Hansel & Gretel Christma Panto	Cowan Hall Theatre

### Book Buy Back - Dec. 12-16

Book Buy Back at the MSUN Bookstore will be held during finals week, December 12-16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. A student ID is required and please remember to bring all CD's, DVD's, and supplemental materials that were purchased with your textbooks.

### Chancellor's Lecture Series

#### Four Lectures Scheduled for 2017 Spring Semester

The Chancellor's Lecture Series committee members proudly present the Spring 2017 events. Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the Spring 2017 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of four presentations by distinguished guests. All presentations are free and open to the public. All presentations begin at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

#### Jan Leibel: "Diamonds for Dummies" - Jan. 24

Tuesday, January 24: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

A diamond is a gemstone, but what makes the diamond the favorite? Most people think of diamonds as 'white or clear, but diamonds come in many colors. Gemologist and owner of Heirloom Jewelers in Havre, Montana, Jan Leibel, will discuss everything you wanted to know about diamonds but were afraid to ask. Diamonds and gemstones will be available for viewing.

## **Yvonne Tiger: "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in Americas" - A collection of the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit and Yvonne Tiger lecture" - Feb. 21**

Tuesday, February 21: MSU-Northern Vande Bogart Library

Within the fabric of American identity is woven a story that has long been invisible—the lives and experiences of people who share African American and Native American ancestry. "IndiVisible" is the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit that reveals unique information about the little-known history of people with dual African-American and Native American ancestry. It is a display of large panels that discuss the cultural integration of these blended marriages and the ancestors caught between preserving their individual heritage and embracing both cultures. Art historian, Yvonne Tiger, earned a Master of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Art History from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her Art History degree focused on Native Americans. Yvonne Tiger's Tribes (Cherokee, Creek, Seminole) are intrinsically linked into this history and features in the "IndiVisible" display.

## **Joan Bird: "UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana" - Mar. 30**

Thursday, March 30: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

Author, researcher and zoologist, Joan Bird, will present important, well-documented Montana cases of UFO evidence, including nuclear missile shutdowns, government UFO investigations, and the science behind crop circles. She will also share stories of contact and what we have learned from cosmic visitors. Montana is home to some of the most significant, well-documented and interesting UFO reports in the history of ufology.

## **Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with Integrated Art History Program" - Apr. 10**

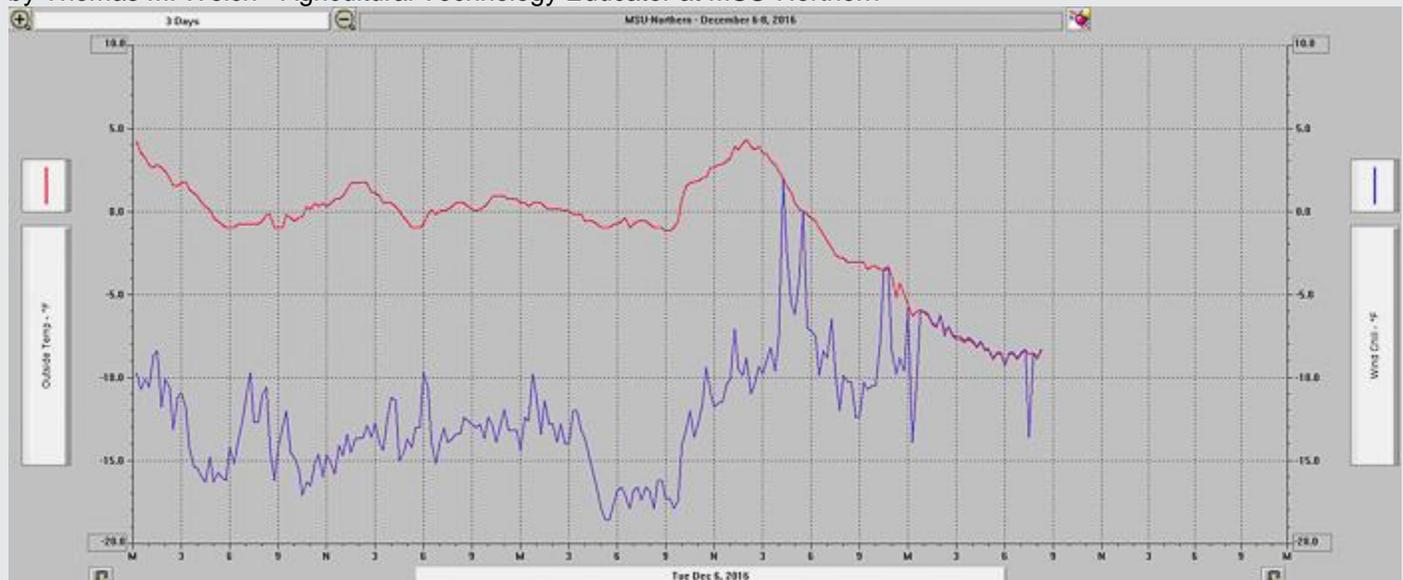
Monday, April 10: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

Returning to Havre for a sixth year and known for his wealth of instrumental beauty, world-class American violinist who resides in Portugal, Jack will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **Northern Technology Snapshot**

by Thomas M. Welch - Agricultural Technology Educator at MSU-Northern



### **Degrees at Northern**

I have been keeping track of Northern degrees for many years with the aid of several generations of weather stations. The current campus weather station I maintain is located on the hill on the south side of campus near the wind generator. This station has a number of sensors that measure wind speed and direction, temperature, rainfall, humidity, barometric pressure and other weather related variables. The station is also coupled to buried soil temperature and moisture sensors at 6, 12, 24 and 42 inches. Station data is received by a radio receiver in my office and can be viewed

at <http://techsci.msun.edu/welch/msunweather> but only when my office computer is on. A graph of our recent campus temperatures is featured with this article.

Like many agriculturalists, I keep an eye on the weather and enjoy viewing weather phenomena and data. Havre holds some noteworthy official Montana weather events recorded and listed by the National Weather Service and tabulated by the Western Regional Climate Center:

- (19 DAYS) - Longest consecutive number of days the maximum temperature was at or below zero degrees F
  - A Montana state record that occurred in Havre from February 2-20, 1936
- (-38 degrees F) - Havre's coldest maximum daily temperature
  - A Montana state record (January 27, 1916)
- (-57 degrees F) - Havre's lowest recorded temperature (January 27, 1916)
- (111 degrees F) - Havre's highest recorded temperature (August 5, 1961)
- (21 days) - Havre's average number of days in a calendar year with 90 degrees F or greater (1879-1961)
- (39 days) - Havre's average number of days in a calendar year with 0 degrees F or less (1879-1961)

NOTE: Some of the above were recorded either at the Havre city station or at the Havre airport station

NOTE: Montana holds the U.S. record as the state with the most extreme temperature range (117 to -70F)

## Northern Sports Recap

By Kristie Pullin

### November 16

The No. 4 **Lights wrestling** program traveled to Laurel for a dual against Northwest College. Coach Thivierge's team came out on top 22-21.

### November 19

The **wrestling team** continued their road trip and traveled to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho to participate in the Cardinal Duals. They took on North Idaho College and Simon Frasier University. No. 7 Northern lost their dual against NIC 19-25, but claimed a victory over SFU 29-21.

### November 25-26

No. 16 MSU-N **Skylights Basketball** team spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Jackson, Tenn. at the 2016 Jackson Rotary Basketball Classic Invitational. Northern went 1-1 at the Classic. They lost a tough battle to No. 8 Freed-Hardeman University 56-65 and beat No. 21 Talladega College 88-81 in overtime.

The **men's basketball** team hosted the annual Thanksgiving Classic and dominated both of their games to stay at a perfect 5-0 on the season. The Lights defeated New Hope Christian College 105-58 and knocked off Salish Kootenai College 128-66.

### December 1-3

In their first games of Frontier Conference action, the **Skylights and Lights basketball** teams traveled to Butte and Lewiston, Idaho. On Thursday, both teams claimed their first conference win as the No. 16 Skylights beat the Orediggers 66-63 and the Lights handed Tech a loss 76-62. In Lewiston, the Skylights fell to the No. 7 Warriors 42-67. The men upset No. 15 LC State in overtime 66-62.

**Lights wrestling** participated in the Battle of the Rockies Duals and Open in Great Falls. Northern went undefeated on the day in duals against No. 11 Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), #4 Oklahoma City, and Minot State (N.D.). For the open portion of the event, Ben Stroh (184) claimed a championship title as both Andrew Bartel (165) and Brandon Weber (157) brought home second place finishes.

\*The **Lights football** program had three players receive postseason honors. Senior offensive lineman Pete Morales was named First Team All-Conference Offense, senior running back Zach McKinley was named Second Team All-Conference Offense, and senior defensive lineman Tyler Craig was named First Team All-Conference Defense.

\***Skylight volleyball** players senior Cydney Auzenne, junior Kylie Pasioka, and senior Emily Russell were all named 2016 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association named its regional players for 2016. MSU-Northern Skylights receiving Honorable Mention were freshman Timi Severson and junior Cassie Krueger.

\*The **Skylight basketball** team now moves up to number 11 in the national rankings as the Lights basketball team (with a perfect 7-0 record) begins to receive votes to move to number 28.

## TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Student Athlete TidBit - How many of you know who the punter was for Northern Lights football team the past two years? His name is Dillon Barnes! Dillon transferred from Citrus College in California. This past season, Dillon averaged 40.7 yards per punt which was 4 in the conference in punting average and 11 in the NAIA. There are close to 84 NAIA Football teams. Looking at his numbers over the past two years he had 14 games (out of 21) where he had at least one punt for more than 50 yards. In 2016, Dillon had 4 games where he had at least one punt in excess of 60 yards (his personal record is 68 yards). Over the two years Dillon had a total of 5,212 punting yards which is just 68 yards short of 3 miles! Now if you are wondering, none of these numbers are Northern records as they are held by Don Saisbury (2004-2007). But if DakStats is correct, the one record that Dillon should have is the single season record for punts in a season at 77 in 2015. This is one more than Don Saisbury had in 2007. Great job Dillon Barnes!

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