

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern

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Welcome Back!

Second semester has just started and already the campus activities are in full swing. If you are new to the Northern Network News (NNN), I want to officially say, "Welcome." The NNN is the best source to find out what is happening at MSU-Northern. It arrives in your e-mail box every Friday morning and we trust you will find the stories informative and encouraging. If you have something you want posted in the NNN, please submit it to potterj@msun.edu by noon each Wednesday with "for NNN" in the subject line. We do reserve the right to edit anything that is submitted.

Feature Videos

Health Promotion Program Video



DTC Construction Update



This Past Week

MSUN Observes Martin Luther King Day at 11:30 Today



Vista AmeriCorps, Montana Campus Compact, Opportunity Link, Hill County Public Library, and MSUN (Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs) are organizing a community feed in celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today starting at 11.30 a.m. at the Sub Ballroom. Judith Heilman, founder and Executive Director of the Montana Racial Equity Project (from Bozeman, MT) will be delivering her presentation "Racial Equity and Justice: Then, Now, Future." Heilman has been a regional activist and a social justice organizer. She is a retired Detective Sergeant and a veteran of non-profits. Local grocery stores and restaurants have provided the free lunch/meal that has a theme soul food. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

The events in the community observing MLK Day 2017, actually started on January 11 and 12 with "Read for Peace" which consists of placing volunteers in 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 the classroom. Volunteers have been reading yesterday and today in Highland Park, Lincoln-McKinley, Sunnyside, and St. Jude Thaddeus. There are follow-up activities after the reading.

Spring Semester Orientation



On Tuesday, Northern hosted their annual Spring Semester Orientation for all new students. The attendees learned about financial aid, business services, the Northern computer network, and some practical study skills.

40 Box Elder Students Visit Campus



During the break, Northern hosted a college experience day for over 40 Box Elder students. Professors Charles Pollington and Cristy Ozburn (pictured above) each gave the students a 30-minute presentation on their areas (math and psychology).

New Sound System in the Gym



Over the semester break Doug Brekke and his team from Black Box Designs were on campus to install a new sound system in Northern's Armory Gymnasium. The new system will make it easier for the audience to hear and it will put sound on the basketball court which will help the players and it will accommodate major events like the We Love Northern Ball and Graduation.

2016 Daktronics-NAIA Football Scholar-Athletes Announced



The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced during the break that 325 football student-athletes have been named 2016 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. MSU-Northern's Gareth Fowler, Line Backer from Belgrade, Montana and Mario Gobbato, Wide Receiver from Blaine, Washington were among those named.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status.

To learn more about the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete award...

Click Here:

[2016 Daktronics-NAIA Football Scholar-Athletes - PDF](#)

Important Announcements

IMPORTANT DATES For Spring Semester 2017

Financial Aid Refunds: Direct Deposits will be processed on Monday, January 23rd and deposited on Thursday, January 26th Checks will be processed on Tuesday, January 24th and mailed out Wednesday, January 25th All Refunds will be processed weekly thereafter

Last day to charge at the Bookstore:January 20th
Payment for Spring 2017 Tuition & Fees Due Date:.....Friday, January 6th
Confirm Attendance & Accept Charges.....Friday, January 20th
Last Day to Add a ClassThursday, January 19th
Last Day to Drop a Class without a "W".....Thursday, January 26th
Last Day to Drop a Class with a "W"..... Wednesday, March 22nd

Refund Schedule-for Complete Withdrawal

100% RefundTuesday, January 10th
90% RefundWednesday, January 11th - Tuesday, January 17th
75% Refund.....Wednesday, January 18th - Monday, January 23th
50% RefundTuesday, January 24th - Thursday, January 26th

Fee Refund-for Course Load Reduction

100% Refund.....Thursday, January 26th
0% Refund.....Starting Friday, January 27th

Deferred Installment Payment Schedule:(\$30 processing fee is added)

* 25% of total fees due: Friday, January 6th
* 50% of total fees due: Friday, February 3rd
* 75% of total fees due: Friday, March 3rd
* 100% of total fees due: Friday, April 7th

Last Day to Waive Student Health Insurance: January 31st, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS

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. 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.

Upcoming Activities

Speech and Drama Debate - Jan. 21

Havre High School is hosting the Class A eastern division speech, debate and drama tournament on the campus of Montana State University-Northern Saturday, Jan. 21.

Anyone interested in judging can visit the Facebook page set up for the tournament at [Facebook.com/havredivisional](https://www.facebook.com/havredivisional), 2017 Montana Class A Eastern Divisional Speech-Debate-Drama Tournament, for more information and to access an online registration form or go directly to the form at bit.ly/2jpr4XJ, or email head coach Tim Leeds at havrespeech@gmail.com.

Rounds will be at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., and competition will be in all Class A events. The attached letter gives more details, and more is available at the Facebook page as well. We are hosting judges clinics at 6 p.m. in the Havre High School library Monday, Jan. 16, and Wednesday, Jan. 18, for anyone who wants to know more about judging the events, how the tournament will work and how the ballots are set up.

For people who would like to judge more, or who cannot judge the divisional tournament but would like to judge the next weekend, Chinook High School is hosting the Class BC state tournament, also on Northern's campus, the following weekend, Friday and Saturday Jan. 27-28. People interested in judging at that tournament can visit its Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/state2017>.

Bitter Pill: Montana Lives Affected by Prescription Drug Abuse - Jan. 23-29

During National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (January 23-29, 2017), several MSU-Northern staff and faculty members, and representatives from the Hill County Health Department have organized a week of events to increase awareness of prescription drug abuse for the campus and the greater community. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

"Bitter Pill" Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Monday 1/23/2017, 7:00 p.m. - MSUN Vande Bogart Library

Through a variety of mediums, Montana artists convey the toll prescription drug abuse has on family members, friends & neighbors. refreshments will be served

Documentary & Discussion: "Chasing the Dragon"

Tuesday 1/24/2017, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. - MSUN SUB Ballroom

View first hand accounts of individuals who became addicted to opioids & the detrimental affects their behavior had on their relationships, careers, as well as legal consequences. lunch will be served

Prescription Drug Abuse in Hill County

Wednesday 1/25/2017, 3:30-5:00 p.m. - MSUN Hensler Auditorium (ATC Building)

CJ Reichelt, Team Leader for the Tri-Agency Drug Taskforce & Audrey Barger, Judge of the Hill County Drug Court will discuss the impact of prescription drug abuse in our community. refreshments will be served

Panel Discussion

Thursday 1/26/2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - MSUN Hensler Auditorium (ATC Building)

Community members in recovery and providers from the local treatment community share their experiences. refreshments will be served

Questions about the event can be directed to Sherry Kegel, Student Health Services Director (sherry.kegel@msun.edu), Cristina Estrada-Underwood, Director of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (c.estrada-underwood@msun.edu) or Amber Spring, Counselor (amber.spring@msun.edu).



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 (The study of UFO's).

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.

Book Discussion Group Starts - Feb. 6

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!

International Poetry Reading - Apr. 4

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 or 406-265-4173 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Weekly Columns

Northern Technology Snapshot

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

PDA's at Northern

Nowadays it is rare to see an older PDA on our college campus. These were small handheld personal digital assistants and quite different from other endearment related PDA still observed on campus. At one time, I incorporated the use of these early digital devices into classes as they were great for mobile agricultural data recording. Many people used to carry PDA's around in their pockets for keeping track of contacts and appointments, for viewing a calendar, performing calculations and for jotting down a few notes. Later models could run some limited software applications like spreadsheets via a compact version of Windows and these were called pocket pcs. Many PDA's had a stylus (easily lost) for screen input and could be linked to a desktop computer via a serial cable. Later PDA's had Bluetooth capabilities for file and data sharing.



PDA's, like many mobile technology devices, have changed greatly or have been largely replaced by smartphones and tablets. I suspect many typical college-age students have no idea what a Palm Pilot is as it was an early and popular PDA that dates back to the mid-1990s. Featured with this article is a snapshot of two pocket computers. Note the GPS receivers mated to the top of these unique mobile devices. Students and I used these portable devices and Windows CE software for geo-referencing and logging points, paths and polygons. I still have an affection, and now it is public, for these early PDA's that laid the groundwork for portable computing and basic smartphone applications.

Northern Sports Recap

By Kristie Pullin

December 15

No. 5 Northern wrestlers traveled to Sweet Home, Ore. to face No. 7 Southern Oregon in a highly anticipated dual. The Lights defeated the Raiders 23-13 and moved to 8-2 on the season. The Northern Lights basketball team defeated Nueta Hidatsa College 111-63. Junior center Ryan Reeves led the Lights with 21 points.

December 19

No. 11 MSUN Skylights defeated NCAA DIII Pacific University 72-40 in the Armory Gymnasium to move to 5-0 at home. (9-2 Overall). Senior forward Sierra Richards finished with a double double (12 points and 11 rebounds).

December 18

The No. 5 Lights wrestling team placed 11th out of 31 teams at the Reno Tournament of Champions. Senior Ben Stroh won the 184-pound championship.

December 19-21

The No. 11 Skylights basketball team battled a tough University of Willamette team through four quarters to come out on top 56-49. The win over the NCAA DIII Bearcats moves Northern to 11-2 on the season. Northern men's basketball team traveled to Arizona and participated in the Phoenix Classic. The Lights went 3-0 on the weekend by knocking off Warner Pacific College (86-71), Dine` College (117-27), and William Jessup University (71-68). Northern has a perfect record of 11-0.

December 28

The Lights basketball team suffered their first loss of the season to a tough University of Lethbridge squad in Alberta, Canada. The final score was 65-80 and the Lights now move to 11-1.

December 29-30

MSUN Lights basketball played host to the University of Alberta-Augustana twice over the winter break. Northern defeated the Vikings both nights with scores of 87-55 and 101-55. The Lights have an overall record of 13-1.

January 5

In the first games of the New Year, the No. 11 Skylights and No. 15 Lights traveled to Great Falls for Frontier Conference action. The Skylights defeated the No. 13 Argos 61-47 and move to 12-2 overall (2-1 in conference play). The Lights fell to unranked UGF 59-72 and move to 13-2 overall (2-1 in conference play).

January 7

No. 11 Skylights picked up another big conference win as they edged the No. 25 Saints of Carroll College 58-56. Seniors Natalee Faupel and Sierra Richards both poured in 16 points to lead the Skylights. Northern moves to 3-1 in the Frontier Conference.

The No. 15 Lights dropped their second loss of the road trip to No. 23 Carroll College 51-63. Junior guard Cameron Epps led Northern with 17 points. The Lights move to 2-2 in the Frontier Conference.

The Computer Corner

By: Marianne Hoppe

Searching for files and folders by date

The more files you have, the more frustrating it can be to find exactly what you're looking for. This is especially true when you're using search terms that are common to dozens or even hundreds of saved documents.

A great way to narrow the list using the search box in the upper-right portion of File Explorer (Windows Explorer in Windows 7) is to enter a date-related search operator along with the parameters you want to match. For example, **datemodified:2016 invoice** allows you to filter search results to show only files that contain the word *invoice* and were last saved in 2016.

The search parameter you enter after the colon can be any date, even a partial one. So **datemodified: January 2017** works even with the space included. To find only files before or after a given date, use the **>** and **<** operators, as in **datemodified: >1/1/2017**

If you prefer a point-and-click interface, just type **datemodified:** by itself and use the calendar or predefined options below it. You can select a range of dates by clicking the first date, holding down the **Shift** key, then selecting the last date.

In Windows 8.1 and Windows 10, you'll find date-related shortcuts on the **Search** tab, which appears on the File Explorer ribbon when you click in the search box.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

This week I want to feature current Northern student, and Havre native, Jacob Bachmeier who was elected to serve as a Representative in the Montana Legislature for House District 28. It is very impressive when a college student wins an election, but it is even more impressive when that student is a Northern freshman and 18 years old. According to Havre Historian, Emily Mayer, Jacob is the youngest elected official in Hill County history! Based on the research I have done, Jacob is the third youngest in Montana legislative history and he is currently the youngest state legislator in the United States. Congratulations Jacob.



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