

Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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Last Issue for the Semester

Another school year has ended, so this will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for this school year. A special thanks to everyone who contributed information to the NNN. I especially want to acknowledge Bill Lanier, Marianne Hoppe, Kimmi Curtis and Joe Hammar for their weekly contributions. I also want to thank Janice Brady, Debbie Ritz, Sandy Jappe and Susan Jappe for helping to proof read it every week. Have a great summer break and I will send out a Northern Network News about once a month or as needed to cover the summer campus activities. It will come out weekly again in September.

Jim Potter, Director of University Relations and Editor of NNN

Tree Planted in Memory of Shaina



Friends and family of Shaina Evans gathered in front of the gym on Wednesday to plant a tree and release some balloons in her honor. Evans was a valued member of the Skylights Volleyball team and was killed in a tragic car accident last year.

Northern Hosts Golden Grad Reunion

Montana State University-Northern welcomes the Northern Montana College Classes of 1961, 1951, 1941, 1931 back to campus on May 6th and 7th to celebrate their Golden Anniversary reunion. This is a momentous occasion for the returning alums, and the schedule includes campus and community tours, class meetings, and socialization time for the class members to catch up with one another.

The reunion begins Friday, May 6th with class registration in the SUB Dining Room, followed by a luncheon featuring MSU-Northern Chancellor Dr. Frank Trocki as the speaker. A Northern Admissions representative

Recycling Facts & Tips

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.

Upcoming Events

April 29

Student Art Show Last Day

Sweetgrass Society 35th
Annual Pow-Wow

April 30

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Annual Pow-Wow

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Coed Softball Tournament

Spring Semester Finals Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy back

May 3

Spring Semester Finals Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy back

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
University Advisory Council

May 4

Spring Semester Finals Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy back

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Teacher Recruitment Fair

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
The Express Experience

will lead a tour of the campus after the class meeting. Friday's festivities conclude with the Founder's Excellence dinner and Reunion banquet in the Student Union Dining Room. The Golden Grads will be introduced and receive their commemorative diploma.

On Saturday, May 7th, Montana State University-Northern's Commencement Ceremony will highlight the "Golden Grads." These Golden Grads will march in the processional leading the new graduates in the graduation exercises. At the conclusion of Commencement, they will join the Class of 2011, their families and friends, the faculty, staff, and administration at the Student Union Building Ballroom for the graduation brunch. A tour of "Havre Beneath the Streets" is scheduled on Saturday afternoon.

Sweetgrass Society 35th Annual Pow-Wow

MSU-Northern's Sweetgrass Society has organized a Pow-Wow that will take place on Friday, April 29 from 6-10 p.m. and on Saturday, April 30th from noon-10 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Gym. Dancers must register to compete. There is a registration booth in the gym. The grand entries will take place on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at Noon. The rest of the individual dance categories will follow the grand entries. Everyone is invited to attend. This year will also feature the 2nd Annual Sweetgrass Society Lorna "Honey" Grant Memorial Nursing Scholarship sponsored by Arlene & Leon Cochran from Fort Belknap. The scholarship will be presented to a Native American Nursing Student during the powwow.

Teacher Recruitment Fair

Educators in search of jobs in Montana can attend the Teacher Recruitment Fair on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The purpose of this fair is to connect Montana school districts with educators who have a desire to teach grades K-12 in the state of Montana. To register go to the CareerExpress website.



Student Care Packages Ready to Distribute

Alumni Director, Autumn Elliot shows off the care packages that many Northern students will be receiving Friday. These care packages were donated by their families and the Northern Alumni Association. The Spring Finals Care Packages come with a backpack, drinks, lots of great study food (ie junk food) and coupons to the local food establishments. The Alumni Association hopes to continue this project next year and wants to encourage everyone to take part. You can order now on the alumni website for a welcome back and a Fall 2011 care package.

May 5

Spring Semester Finals Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy back

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Commencement Rehearsal

May 6

MSUN Rodeo @ University of Montana

Spring Semester Ends

Spring Semester Finals Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy back

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Nurses Pinning Ceremony & Reception

6:00 PM
Founders' Excellence Dinner

May 7

MSUN Rodeo @ University of Montana

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Commencement

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Commencement Lunch

May 8

MSUN Rodeo @ University of Montana

May 9

Extended Summer Session Begins

Pre-Summer Semester Begins

May 10

Grades Due in Registrar's Office

Finals Schedule for Spring 2011

Class is on M W F at:	Final is:
8:00 - 8:50	Monday 1:00 - 2:50
9:00 - 9:50	Tuesday 1:00 - 2:50
10:00 - 10:50	Wednesday 1:00 - 2:50
11:00 - 11:50	Monday 3:00 - 4:50
12:00 - 12:50	Tuesday 3:00 - 4:50
1:00 - 1:50	Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50
2:00 - 2:50	Monday 8:00 - 9:50
3:00 - 3:50	Tuesday 8:00 - 9:50
4:00 - 4:50	Wednesday 8:00 - 9:50

Class is on T Th at:	Final is:
8:00 or 9:00	Thursday 8:00 - 9:50
10:00 or 11:00	Monday 10:00 - 11:50
12:00 or 1:00	Tuesday 10:00 - 11:50
2:00 or 3:00	Wednesday 10:00 - 11:50
4:00 or 5:00	Thursday 10:00 - 11:50

Evening Classes: Final examinations for evening classes are given at their regular class meeting times.

SUB DVD Collection

Last year we started collecting donated DVDs here at the SUB for students to check out for no charge and we now have approximately 400 DVDs. We are still looking for more DVDs to add to the collection. This has become very popular as we had many students check out DVDs this year. If you would like to donate, just leave them at the SUB information desk. To those who have donated already, THANK YOU!!

We also now have a computer program that will track the DVD's and make it easier to check them out. This is a program that was written by Northern CIS student, Shawn Schreiber, for his senior capstone class with his instructor Jay Howland.



New Standards for Northwest Accreditation

Dr. Ronald L. Baker, the Executive Vice President for Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities was on campus last Friday to talk with several groups comprised of faculty and administration to help explain and answer questions about the new standards that will be used for the next set of accreditation reports and visits. His visit was very informative and will help to focus our future efforts.

Founder Excellence Recipients

MSU-Northern Founders' Excellence Awards will be presented to Alexander "Alex" Capdeville and Linda Vaughey. Both of these individuals have received outstanding recognition within their own professional fields and/or contributed to the growth and development of the Northern campus.



Linda Vaughney

Alex Capdeville

The presentations will take place during the Founders' Excellence Dinner Friday, May 6th, 2011 in the Student Union Building Dining Room, cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this prestigious event are \$25.00 a person and are available through the MSU-Northern Foundation by calling 265-3711. Ticket must be purchased in advance.

Nurses Pinning Details

MSU-Northern's Nurses Pinning ceremony will be May 6 at 1:00 p.m. at 5th Avenue Christian Church. Over 30 nursing students from our Havre, Great Falls and Lewistown campuses will receive their nursing pins. BSN students who are also graduating will be recognized. There will be a reception at the church following the ceremony.

Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, the 7th of May will mark the end of another academic year at Montana State University Northern and a new beginning for over 300 graduates. Commencement ceremonies will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, in the Armory Gymnasium. Ted Turner will be sharing his ideas with the graduating class, and Kimmi Curtis will provide the special music.

Graduation Brunch

Just a reminder: get your complimentary brunch tickets at the information desk prior to graduation. Faculty and staff get one free ticket. Students who are graduating get two tickets each. For everyone else the brunch is \$9/person, kids 6 years old and younger eat free. The all-you-can-eat brunch will be held in the SUB's main dining hall. It will start after the graduation ceremony has finished and the line will stay open until 1:30 p.m.

Library Hours Next Week

Sunday 1- 9 a.m.

Monday - Wednesday 8-10 p.m.

Thursday - Friday 8-5 p.m.

Summer Hours Begin Monday, May 9th

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Express Experience Next Week



The Express Experience is a one day event for new and transfer students to experience MSU-Northern! This event is designed to help students meet with our advising professionals, talk to the Financial Aid, visit Student Support Services, taste the campus cuisine, and check out the residence halls. Dates for this event are: May 4, May 31, June 16, and July 11. For more information contact Admissions at 265-3704 or admissions@msun.edu



Darlene Sellers Honored

Darlene Sellers has been selected to serve as a NEA National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Annual Review Pre-Condition Audit (ARPA) Committee member for a three-year term. NCATE, a national accreditation body comprised of teachers, teacher educators, government policy makers, and specialized professional associations is supported by over 35 national professional education and public organizations. NCATE accredits more than 60% of all teacher preparation institutions in the United States. With over 6.2 million

educators nationwide, only 2 NEA educators have the distinct honor of serving on this Board.

Fisher to Receive Master's Degree

Alexandria (Lexy) Fisher will be graduating from MSU-Billings on Saturday with a Master of Science Degree in Public Relations. Fisher works in Northern's Financial Aid Office.



Provost Lunches - Huge Success

During the past month the Provost's Office has sponsored several lunches for faculty to give them a chance to share their ideas and ask questions. The lunches generated a lot of good discussion on several topics of

interest. The lunches are over for this semester but will continue in the fall.

MAT-Great Falls Comes to Havre

MAT-Great Falls will be visiting Havre this weekend to present "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You" and "The Actor's Nightmare" in the MSUN/MAT Theatre. This double feature will be presented April 29 and 30. Doors and lounge open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. MSUN students admitted free with current MSUN I.D. card. Come support live theatre and the arts in your community! The shows contain adult material and may not be suitable for all audiences. But it sure is funny!

YouthBuild Golf Scramble

The long-awaited YouthBuild Golf Scramble has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Prairie Farms Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit YouthBuild of North Central Montana.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start. There will be Pin Prizes, Pro Shop Credits, and a meal provided. They are looking for 22, four-person teams (\$200 per team), so if golf is your game, call to register your team today! Contact Steve Newbury at (406) 945-1488 or Barry Zanto at (406) 265-4790.

Alma Desnuda Thrills Students



The band Alma Desnuda gave an outstanding concert Monday night in the SUB. The four talented and tightly-bonded musicians shared their music in a dynamic and radiant fashion. To learn more about their music go to: www.almadmusic.com.

Skylight Basketball Raffle

The Skylight's basketball team is selling raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place on May 5, 2011. There will be over 50 prizes available. The top prizes are a 42-inch Samsung plasma television and a hand-made

stained glass "Skylight Basketball" piece. Other prizes include a riding snow tube, athletic apparel, Pro VI golf balls, and so much more! Each raffle ticket is \$1.00, so find a Skylight basketball player and get your name in the raffle today!

MSU-Northern 2011 Summer Hours

Effective May 9 - August 19, MSUN official summer office hours are: 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday with offices closed on Fridays. All summer courses and workshops will be conducted at the time and place scheduled.
If necessary, please call: 406-945-4297 OR 406-265-3702

ATTENTION Parents of Northern Students

Show them you care and send them a finals week care package. Care packages are \$20.00 and they include: backpack, pencils, food, drinks, coupons to various places in Havre for free food and much more!! Go to www.msun.edu/alumni and select care packages.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Office 2007/2010 Tip Ribbon Hero 2

For my final tip of the academic year, here's something fun. Ribbon Hero 2 is a (gasp!) game for Office 2007 and Office 2010 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel and OneNote) and is designed to help you boost your Office skills and knowledge. If you feel Office can do a lot more than you have time to figure out, then Ribbon Hero might be for you. Play games (aka "challenges"), score points, and compete with your friends while improving your productivity with Office. Find out more and download the software at the Ribbon Hero website: <http://www.ribbonhero.com/news.html>. After saving the file to your desktop, double click to install it. After it's installed, you can delete the file off your desktop.

P.S. - The first thing you're probably going to want to do is turn off the background sound - just move your mouse over the speaker icon in the lower right corner of the Ribbon Hero window and click on **Background Music** to turn it off.

Tidbit

Did you know that this is the 121st Northern Network News (NNN) Tidbit? The first Tidbit appeared in the January 26, 2007 issue of the NNN. Here is the very first NNN Tidbit; *Betty Clark was the first female MOA (Montana Officials Association) sanctioned basketball referee in the state of Montana. Her officiating jersey is currently in the west display case in the Cowan Hall North entryway.*

I would like to thank all who have read, commented, enjoyed, suggested and disagreed with the NNN Tidbits since they first appeared over three years ago. If you have any suggestions, please let me know and I will do my best. You can send suggestions to wjlanier@msun.edu. Again thank you and see you in the Fall!