

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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Northern Gear Now Available at the Home Games



Check this out! The Northern Bookstore is now selling MSU-Northern apparel and gear at home basketball games. If you're going to be attending the home games this weekend and want to show your school spirit, please stop by and pick up your MSU-Northern items this weekend!

Don't forget, Fridays are "Celebrate Northern Day". Show your school spirit by wearing MSU-Northern logo apparel or the colors of maroon and gold every Friday in celebration of MSUN's history and its promising future.

NOTICE- STUDENT HANDBOOK CORRECTION

February 13 is listed as a school holiday. This is INCORRECT. President's Day is celebrated February the 20th. Classes WILL be held February 13. Classes WILL NOT be held February 20. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Incoming Commissioner Visits Campus



President Waded Cruzado (R.) and the incoming Montana Commissioner of Higher Education, Clay Christian (L.), were on the MSU-Northern campus for a listening and learning session on Tuesday, January 24. Campus and community members came with questions for the incoming commissioner.

EDA Grant Update



Last week we included an announcement about the grant we received from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). This week we held a press conference to share the details of the grant and what it will mean to Northern and North-Central Montana.

In order to receive this grant, MSU-Northern was required to complete a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant funds. MSU-Northern was able to leverage \$400,000 they received from the state as the part of the required match funds for the grant. In addition, the Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development granted a \$247,000 waiver of MSU-Northern's local share. Consequently the state's

investment of \$400,000 actually became a \$1,067,000 investment in the future of North-Central Montana.

This grant will allow MSU-Northern's Bio-Energy Center to function like a proof of concept center for many new companies seeking to test their products. The grant will fund testing, salaries, consumables, and it will also allow MSU-Northern's Bio-Energy Center to purchase a scaled reactor which will help expand their research on bio-jet fuels.

Math Fun Night Creates Bonds with Lincoln McKinley ES and MSU-N Candidates

On Monday night, February 23, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln McKinley Elementary School, there was a special event that featured several of our MSU-N teacher education candidates. Ms. Karla Geda, Principal at Lincoln McKinley Elementary School, hosted a chili feed, parents' night, and "Math Fun Night" at her facility.

While the parents visited their children's teachers, Lincoln McKinley students and MSU-Northern education candidates gathered together in a room set up with a variety of Mathematics games and activities. The MSU-N candidates, including Zach Cichosz, Leon Carroll, Laura Evans, Trevor Goss, Matt McKeen, Chase Rambo, Emily Semenza, Megan Smith, and Shelby Stormer participated throughout the evening.

Laughter and good times are said to be good medicine, and if that statement is true, then there were some very healthy people who left when the evening was over. Ms. Geda, as well as the attending faculty, complimented everyone who participated, saying it was good to see how school and learning can be fun in such an evening setting.

Because of the success of this evening's partnership of HPS and MSU-N members, there will be another "Math Fun Night" at Highland Park Elementary School in a couple of weeks, and MSU-N faculty and teacher education candidates have been invited to attend and participate!

Thank You to Those Who Helped with the OPI Visit

Chancellor Limbaugh and the Northern family would like to express their thanks to the faculty and staff who were involved in the recent OPI visit. Thank you to: Randy Bachmeier, Virginia Braithwaite, Darlene Bricker, Vickie Clouse, Stacey Dolezal, John Foley, Vicki Hayes, Steve Hesske, Jay Howland, Bob Johnke, Linda Miller, Becky Nicholson, Norton Pease, Charles Pollington, Will Rawn, Carol Reifschneider, Vaughn Rundquist, Darlene Sellers, Curtis Smeby, Fred Smiley, Larry Strizich, Janet Trethewey, Jamie Underwood, and Pamela Wilson.

Volunteers Provide Free Tax Help

Free income tax preparation, assistance and e-filing services are available in Havre, Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap and Cut Bank. Trained, IRS-certified volunteers can help prepare and e-file your basic income tax returns starting January 25th. Anyone with a household income of less than \$50,000 is eligible for this free service. This year, you can also opt to prepare your own taxes at Free Assisted Self-Preparation Tax (FAST) sites using the i-CAN! e-file program. Certified preparers will be at FAST sites to answer your questions and guide you through the tax preparation and filing process. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn how to prepare their own taxes while gaining a better understanding of their specific tax situations. You can receive your refund check in the mail in as little as 14 days or have your refund direct deposited into your bank account in 7-8 days. Free tax sites in North Central Montana are listed below. For a complete list of tax sites in Montana, visit www.MontanaFreeFile.org.

1. HAVRE- Opportunity Link 2229 5th Avenue, Havre (Rooms 223 & 224)
Sit-down preparation: Thursdays 4-6 p.m. by appointment only. Call Star at (406) 265-3699 or visit <http://www.opportunitylinkmt.org/whatsnew.php> to schedule an appointment.
FAST: Mondays through Fridays from 1-4 p.m. No appointment necessary.
2. MSU-N- Financial Aid office computer area. Certified Campus Corps volunteers will be available for tax help 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. - noon Thursdays starting Feb. 1st. No appointment necessary. Contact campuscorps@msun.edu, 265-3577 for more info.

- Hill County Library - 402 3rd Street, HavreFAST: Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Free tax services through IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) are brought to you by Opportunity Link through the Montana VITA Partnership and in coordination with the Montana Credit Union for Community Development, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Glacier County Commission, Browning Community Development Corporation, First Liberty Credit Union and Tax Help Montana.

Points of Pride

Green-Gerding Passed the 300-Win Mark

Shelia Green Gerding, an alumna of Northern, passed the 300 win mark at Minot State University last weekend. She now has 301 of the 500 total wins in the 35-year history of the program. Shelia has coached at Minot State for 17 years. She is a very intense coach and has helped produce some great athletes and teams.

Sheila Green-Gerding, the all-time leading scorer in the Skylight's program, still holds the all-time record with 1,566 career points. One of the most highly sought after players out of high school, she was an impact player as a freshman and a three-year starter for the most successful women's basketball program in Frontier Conference history. During her four years at Northern, they won four Frontier Conference Championships and made four trips to the National Tournament with a record of 126 wins and 12 losses. During their 1990 trip to the National Tournament, Green-Gerding finished third in the three-point shootout. An Academic All-Conference player for two years, she was known for her work ethic and her leadership. She was an All-Conference player three of her four years and in 1992, she was the District 12 MVP and the Frontier Conference Co-MVP when the team was ranked #1 in NAIA Division II. She was also named an NAIA II Kodak All-American.



Shelia Green-Gerding you make Northern proud.

First Annual Fresno Ice Derby

The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an ice fishing derby at Fresno Reservoir on January 28 and 29. Money generated from this event helps sponsor scholarships at MSU-Northern. Our agriculture students have received scholarships from the Agribusiness Committee for many years and this is a fundraiser that helps support our students. If you are interested in participating, you can access the registration form here:

<http://www.havremt.com/events/icefish/Fishing%20Application.pdf>

For rules, please visit here: <http://www.havremt.com/FISHING%20RULES%202012.pdf>

Native American Guest Speaker Series

The second speaker in the Native American Lecture Series, sponsored by Humanities Montana, will be Harris Rock, a Nakoda from Fort Belknap. The presentation will take place on Friday, February 3. Rock will speak on various topics including Pow-wow conduct.

MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series

MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series presents Montana native, author, business owner, musician, and retired teacher Anne Stranahan Shaw. Anne will be presenting "The State of the Arts in Northern Montana" on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center (ATC Building). Shaw's presentation will be inspirational, educational and

nostalgic! From Prairie Symphonies, to poetry and theatre, Shaw will highlight selected events between Scobey and Whitefish, Montana. Shaw has a keen interest in music, art, theatre, and literature and will share how she became interested in the Arts and where the Arts have taken her throughout the world!

The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture and admission is free. Shaw's second novel, Roscoe and Tooley Ride the Bootlegger Trail, is a sequel to Roscoe and Tooley, Montana Runaways. Refreshments and a book signing will follow her presentation.

9-C Basketball Tournaments come to Havre

The Chamber in partnership with Havre Public Schools will be hosting the 2012 9-C Basketball Tournaments, Feb. 15-18 at Havre High School.

The Chamber's Athletic Committee works closely with District 9-C and Havre High School in the hosting of this February tournament. The Committee secures sponsorship for the hospitality room and enlists 40 plus community volunteers to help monitor doors and help with crowd control along with securing sponsors to cover the hospitality room during the 4-day event.

Volunteers are needed starting Wednesday Feb 15 and continuing through Saturday, February 19. Help is needed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, and Saturday afternoon and evening. If you like basketball this is a great volunteer opportunity. You will see great games while doing service for the community.

If you would like to help you can call Shari at the Chamber at 265-4383 or email her at chamberdesk@havremt.net

What's Your Most Memorable Book?

Submission from Kimmi Boyce:

"Even at a young age I loved books and being read to, but there was one book that truly inspired me to chase my literary curiosities. The book was Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville. I remember being so enthralled by this book as a child; I always requested allowance to read in the school hallway, instead of in class, so I could be fully immersed in the plot. This fantasy story was one of the first chapter books I both embarked on and enjoyed. Because of its intrigue, I have devoured many many novels since. After reading this book, I became obsessed with the works of Bruce Coville. One thing I will never forget about my experiences reading and enjoying Coville's books was the day I was given (by my school librarian) the chance to write to my favorite author. Of course I wrote to Coville. I do not remember what I said in my letter. What I do know is that Coville wrote back, and that small act seemed to attach me even more closely to Coville's works. Not only did he write back, but he also sent me the first couple chapters of a new book that he had not yet released! It was then I was caught- hook, line, and sinker.



I am now studying to become an English teacher, and I love to write. I do not know if I will ever be a published writer (other than in the NNN), but if I ever get the chance to write novels for young readers, I will do it. And if I ever receive a letter from an adoring reader, I will definitely answer it. Thank you Bruce Coville and Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher for all the wonderful literary adventures you have led me to and through."

From Dr. Carol Reifschneider:

Reading broadens one's horizons, and it promotes proper grammar and word usage, but often avid readers are not just born. Passionate readers develop through exposure to all types of reading material.

MSU-Northern faculty, staff, and students, what is your most memorable book? Please send the title and author of your most memorable book to Library Director, Vicki Gist, or myself, Carol Reifschneider. This reading promotion also happens to coincide with Library Month, so we would like to feature a reader and his or her book choice in the NNN each week of February. In your

submission, please include (along with the book title and author) a brief write up as to why the book is so memorable for you.

Contact Vicki Gist at: gist@msun.edu or 265-3706 or contact Carol Reifschneider at: reifschneider@msun.edu or 265-3768.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Colleagues:

The Visioning Initiative has generated many thoughtful recommendations. The following suggestions are samples of the many comments offered through the Library display, on-line postings, and emails forwarded to me.

"I would like to see us to be an intensely student-centered institution. The faculty here are excellent and it seems that many faculty are committed to their students and the classes they teach, but I would love to see our focus shift more toward students, who essentially are our customers. Usually issues are geared toward faculty issues versus student issues and the conversations are often negative. I would like to see our attitude toward our students be positive and energetic. I would like to see students come here because they feel valued and know that we want them to be successful."

"How about a 'greener' campus with each improvement to dorms or facilities to make it more and more environmentally friendly? Or all campus vehicles running on our own Biofuels!"

"At MSUN, 2000 students are taking classes in state-of-the-art classrooms where every student is given a laptop upon registration that gives them access to e-texts as well as supplemental materials provided for face-to-face courses. On-line classes and students would be in addition to the 2000 students on campus. If the focus of the institution becomes on-line, why keep the doors open? Shift everything to another campus and save the state \$\$\$."

"I would like to see more on-line degree programs offered. We need unique programs that aren't offered other places and then promote them."

"This is addressed more to Auxiliary Services, but it impacts the education environment. Child care is a necessity for many students, and on-campus child care should return to Northern. Students miss classes, or sometimes even have to drop classes, because of child care difficulties. If we are serious about educating people, we have to facilitate their success by eliminating extraneous worries and allowing them to focus on their studies."

"Maybe a university that builds programs around the environment is a good place for MSUN to be, since we've got a good base through the bio-diesel research being done."

"Donaldson Hall has been restored as a gathering point on campus as well as providing office space/living space for visiting professors from institutions MSUN has developed exchange programs with for faculty and students."

"The campus has a broad/comprehensive intramurals program that is inclusive of more students and is operated by someone with the qualifications/credentials for the position. Activities are ongoing and expanded to improve campus life for all students."

"Partnerships with entities in all program areas are cultivated and maintained; these include advisory boards, co-op placements, and equipment sharing programs."



Each of these suggestions offer an exciting vision for the future and provide an example of the ideas that each of you have for the opportunities available to MSUN in the next five years. I share these with you because I have been asked on several occasions, "Are you really going to take our suggestions seriously?"

There's a simple answer to that question: Yes, I am.

You know the capabilities of the institution and the opportunities in the Hi-Line and in higher education in Montana better than I do. We will be able to collaboratively build a vision only when I have the "benefit of counsel" of you, the individuals who have made a professional commitment to MSUN, the students who have chosen MSUN as their college home, the community who fiercely supports MSUN, the alumni who are proud of their alma mater. Therefore, please avail yourself of the venues available to offer your insight: the Library display, [the website postings](#), or via an email to me or an individual discussion, both of which has been a preferred option for some of you.

The next step in the process will be to collect your thoughts through February 1. I'll then do a thematic analysis and share the results with our existing governance structures and the campus and community at large. Through a dialogue over the next several weeks, by the end of this term we will arrive at a collaboratively-developed vision statement that begins with "Montana State University-Northern will be known for..."

Please help complete this important statement.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

Alumni Social in Great Falls

At MSU-Northern we have a simple recipe for success it is: Our Northern spirit + The Lights and Skylights = SUCCESS. Therefore, we want to encourage our teams by showing our school spirit at our upcoming away games. Join us for a great time to socialize and which show your school spirit!

On Feb. 4, in Great Falls, MT, meet us at the Bowser Brewing Company from 3:30-5:15 pm. We'll then relocate to UGF to cheer on our Lights and Skylights. Please feel free to call 265-3770 if you have any questions.

Northern Graduate Accepts New Position at Havre High

Garret Neiffer, graduated from MSU-Northern in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Automotive Technology and has been working at Bergren Transmission. Neiffer was asked to be the Havre High School Auto Shop Instructor for the school year 2011-2012. Neiffer accepted the position and is now teaching these classes: small engines, auto tech (senior level class) transmissions, diagnostics and automotive engines. Neiffer said, "Teaching is a lot of hard work to prep for classes, but the reward and gratification of the students understanding the material is a great feeling." Congratulations on your new position Garrett Neiffer!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

In my column last week I mentioned 3 databases, Credo Reference, CQ Researcher, and Opposing Viewpoints in Context that you can use to help select a topic for speech or paper. Once you've selected a topic, it's time to move to other databases to locate information to use in writing your paper. The Library currently offers access to more than 70 different databases. Many of these databases are very subject-specific; however, there are several databases that include a lot of good information on a wide range of speech and writing topics. Try Academic Search Complete and Academic OneFile to locate journal and magazine articles. Academic Universe and Newspaper Source Plus are good sources of newspaper articles. These databases also include many full-text articles. You can read/print/download a copy of the entire article directly from the database. This is a big time-saver when doing research. Remember that you can stop by or call the Library staff for assistance in using any of these databases.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 7 Tip

Shake Your Desktop Free of Clutter

If you frequently run multiple programs simultaneously, your desktop can get extremely cluttered. If you're working on one program and want to minimize all the other windows you can accomplish this very quickly with the Windows 7 "shake" feature (in previous versions of Windows you would have had to minimize them individually). With this "shake" feature you can minimize every window except the one in which you're currently working... in a single step. Here's how:

- Click and hold the title bar of the window you want to keep on the desktop; while still holding the title bar, shake it quickly back and forth until all of the other windows minimize to the taskbar. Then let go. To make them return, simply shake the title bar again.

You can also accomplish this by pressing the **Windows** key and the **Home** key at the same time (but doing that is not nearly as much fun!).

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

As the oldest building on our campus, Pershing Hall was built in 1933 at an initial cost of \$5,041.00. In 2007, the replacement cost of this historic building was approximately \$2,360,000.00. To learn more about Pershing Hall and other buildings on the Northern campus please check out the Northern history section on our website at <http://www.msun.edu/aboutmsun/history/pershing.htm>.

Featured Program

Industrial Technology: MSU-Northern offers a Bachelor's degree for teaching industrial technology as well as a non-teaching degree. Students interested in the industrial technology degrees can be assured that their training will not only include the basic skills and know-how for this program, but that they will also learn quality people skills which will help them transition into the workforce more smoothly. Industry today requires graduates to not only know their trade, but also how to be part of a strong management team. Industrial technology teachers are in high demand, so graduates with the education degree will have many options. Apart from the teaching degree, other industrial technology students will also have lots of opportunities after graduation. Technology is constantly changing, so the workforce needs workers who know their trade, and are up to date with the additions to technology.

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."