

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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MSU-Northern Wins Conference Championship



The MSU-Northern Lights basketball team became the Frontier Conference Tournament Champions for the second year in a row last Monday night March 5th in front of a packed crowd. The Lights played host to the Bulldogs from UM-Western. The Lights were also presented with their 2011-2012 Regular Season Co-Champions award also for the second year in a row. They will be traveling to Kansas City, MO for the 2012 National Tournament during spring break. This is MSU-Northern's third trip to the nationals in the last four years. Congratulations Lights!

Join the MSU-Northern community and fans for a public send-off for the Lights. You can watch the Lights practice and chili will be provided after practice. While enjoying chili, you can get Lights' autographs. This send-off will be happening from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2012 in the Armory Gym.

Spring Break

Next week is Spring Break, so there will be no Northern Network New next Friday. The NNN will resume on March 23, 2012. Have a nice break.

Making Relationships Matter



"The Dating Doctor" David Coleman appeared in front of a Northern crowd on Tuesday night. This 13-time National Speaker of the Year offered his program "Making Relationships Matter" on how to create and maintain healthy relationships. Topics that were discussed included: who controls relationships and why, basic differences between men and women, arousal points for men and women, the "attraction factor," how to be more physically and emotionally romantic with others, discerning healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and steps to follow to ensure that all your relationships matter.

Science Fair

On Monday, beginning at 10 a.m., a myriad of young scientists descended upon the SUB for the regional Science Fair. Here are some shots of the scientific creativity that was presented at this year's fair.

Diesel Technician Training



The National Biodiesel Board offered diesel technician training with Diesel Technician Training Manager Rachel Burton and Technical Projects Director Kyle Anderson. The training took place on the MSU-Northern campus this Tuesday and included introduction information about the program and training and information about vehicle performance and maintenance for biodiesel fleets, biodiesel fuel quality, railroad biodiesel applications, as well as biodiesel and exhaust system after-treatment.

The event also included the launch of Montana biodiesel at Ezzie's Pump in Havre. On Tuesday, Ezzie's downtown location began offering a 5% biodiesel blend with biodiesel from oilseeds grown in the region and produced by Earl-Fisher Bio-Fuels in Chester.

MSU-Northern Ag Students Read to K-1 Students



The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce recently gave \$250 to the Highland Park elementary school for the purchase of hard cover books relating to agriculture. Several Agribusiness Committee members and 18 MSU-Northern agriculture students (mostly PAS club members) introduced these new books by reading them to over 300 K-1 students in 17 classrooms.

The reading event occurred on National Agriculture Day and the readers informed students about the importance of agriculture, where food comes from and its production by farmers and ranchers. The Agribusiness Committee also provided a cheese stick and crackers to every student in the school which helped make the connection between agriculture and food.

Free Tax Assistance

On Wednesdays from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Financial Aid computers, IRS certified Campus Corps members are on hand to help you electronically file your taxes. You'll have access to free tax software that will build your confidence in preparing your own return later. Please bring any tax documents (W-2s, 1099s, etc.), prior year adjusted gross income, and bank account and routing information.

Pet Supply Drive

Campus Corps is starting a pet supply drive for PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving) of Chinook. PAWS is a non-profit animal shelter dedicated to saving animal lives. On campus, we'll have donation

boxes at the Library, the SUB and Cowan Hall to collect gently used blankets, pet food, toys, etc. Please donate to help animals in our surrounding community!

Introducing Spencer & Fortenberry

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present singers Rebecca Spencer & Philip Fortenberry. Spencer and Fortenberry perform as solo artists and as a duo with symphonies and in major concert halls and performing arts centers nationally. Each performer has Broadway, Las Vegas and Hollywood credits, and their collaboration is a magical exchange that stimulates the mind and enriches the soul.

"From Broadway to Las Vegas" is a dramatic bouquet of music from classic Broadway to the contemporary musical theatre that wraps around timeless melodies. As original members of several Broadway casts and creative teams, this scripted concert highlights anecdotes and remarkable first hand stories about the process that led to premieres on Broadway and abroad.

Spencer recently co-starred in Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular where she portrayed the role of Madame Giry in the new \$35 million dollar production under the direction of Harold Prince. Fortenberry has recorded nine solo albums including his most recent solo recording entitled "Broadway My Way" which is now available online and in music stores. Both artists have an impressive resume of musical experiences.

Don't miss this final performance of the 2011-12 Northern Showcase Concert Association season. The performance is on March 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the HHS Auditorium. For those who do not have a season pass, admission is \$15/adult and \$10/student. MSU-Northern students may attend this performance free of charge (with I.D.).

Daniel Martin Magic

Envision an audience member feeling another person's touch from across the room and a lesson in sleight of hand that will have the audience laughing hysterically. Experience true mental manipulation as items begin to move on their own and predictions come true!

Daniel Martin is quickly becoming one of the most in-demand entertainers in the country. His unique blend of escapes, magic, insane stunts and quick wit continually leave audiences craving more. Martin's show is interactive, visual and unlike anything you have ever seen. His ideas have been seen worldwide on CBS, NBC, ESPN, VH1 and WGN.

Continually hailed by his peers as one of the most creative acts working today, Martin was nominated for creating the "Trick of the Year." He was also nominated by Campus Activities Magazine reader's choice awards for: "Best Male Performer", "Newest Rising Star", "Entertainer of the Year" and "Best Live Novelty Performer."

ASMSUN Program Council is hosting this fascinating evening event. On March 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, Martin will be displaying his mystifying magic show. This event is free to MSU-N students, faculty and staff. The community is invited to attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student.

For more information, contact Denise Brewer at 265-3732.

STEAM BOILER WORKSHOP OFFERED IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a four-day workshop to prepare people to take the state examination for low-pressure boiler operator's license. The workshop is designed for people without boiler operator's licenses who work in physical plants.

The workshop, "Low Pressure Steam Boilers and Systems" will be offered Thursday through Sunday, March 29 - April 1, 2012, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the O'Haire Motor Inn (17 7th Street South, Great Falls, MT). Bill Fisher, Certified 3rd Class Boiler Operator and Certified Water Operator from Missoula, is the instructor.

The cost of the workshop is \$200 plus \$75 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by March 22. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information, please call MSU-

Points of Pride

AmeriCorps week is March 10-18. This week MSU-N Campus Corps AmeriCorps members deserve special recognition for their community service. Campus Corps members are engaged college students who meet critical community-identified needs. Student members are partnered with community organizations in order to provide meaningful service throughout their terms.

There are currently 20 Campus Corps members: Heidi Exley, Dixie Geer, Katelynn Staggs, Chad Leathermon, Elizabeth LeCoure, Mindy Leichtnam, Amy McClenahan, Meg McKay, Haley McLain, Bridger Miller, Maure Murdock, Grant Roman, Nicole Schanilec, Cassy Springer, Whitney Staley, Jonnalea Tatsey, Eric Unger, Amy Wendland, Sheena Herzog and Stren Tramelli. These students served (and serve) as student teachers in local schools, nursing students at the local hospitals, student researchers and lab technicians at Northern's BioEnergy Center, volunteers in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), workers at Head Start, volunteers at the Havre Food Bank, and workers at the Northern Montana Care Center.

These students also often serve as volunteers at one-time community events and aim to increase volunteerism in the community by encouraging others to serve. Thank you Campus Corps members for the valuable work you are doing in our community!

Campus Corps AmeriCorps members, you make Northern proud!

HHS Presents Two Versions of Lord of the Flies



Havre High School has taken on a unique dramatic endeavor. The drama department is presenting the play *Lord of the Flies* based on the classic book by William Golding. But instead of staying true to the storyline and presenting a show with only an all-male cast, HHS is presenting two versions of the play, one with an all-boy cast and one with an all-girl cast.

"The idea behind this was to see the difference between male aggression versus female aggression," said Havre High School English and drama teacher Jay Pyette, adding that the two productions, despite using the same script, have greatly different tones. "What we're really hoping

for is for people to watch them both. That's the idea behind our entire experience... While minor adjustments have been made for the girls' cast to allow for gender changes, nothing was done to change the intent of the story" he added.

This exciting drama opportunity kicks-off with the female cast production in the HHS Theatre Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The boys perform on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The girls end the play's run with another performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Lord of the Flies presents a plot that focuses on how people revert to savagery when they are removed from the structures of society. The plot unfolds with a group of British schoolboys who are the only survivors of an airplane crash on a tropical island.

Admission to each production is \$5 for adults, \$4 for high school students and senior citizens, and \$2 for children kindergarten through eighth-grade.

Come out and support the arts!

The Boys Next Door Opens Tonight



MAT is bringing Havre another thrilling opportunity to take in the arts. At the MSU-N/MAT Theatre on March 9-10, 15-17, 22-24 at 8:00 p.m. each night, MAT will be presenting The Boys Next Door.

The story focuses on a group of men who live in a group home and are taken care of by a kind friend who they dearly love. The tenants of the house include:

Arnold Wiggins who is a mildly retarded man who makes his living at a movie theater. He is hyper and talks non-stop.

Norman Bulansky is a middle-aged retarded man who works at a doughnut shop. He is very proud and possessive of his prominent ring of keys.

Lucien P. Smith is a man who is profoundly retarded. He checks out armloads of books from the library, though he is unable to read them. Lucien is a sweet person who really wants to own a Spider-man tie.

Barry Klemper is a young, schizophrenic man who believes he has exceptional golfing talents, so he teaches golf lessons. Small issues often agitate Barry immensely.

Jackie Palmer is a social worker who cares for the four men. The "boys next door" have become

very attached to Jackie.

Each character in this show has definite quirks and qualities that draw audiences to them. Please come and experience the hilarity and fun of The Boys Next Door.

The doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and MSU-Northern students attend for free with their current student I.D.s. Tickets are also available online at: www.mtactors.com or at the door.

FREE Citizen CPR Class

Saturday, March 24, 12-3 p.m. (rotating classes every half hour), Havre Hill County Library

Gain lifesaving skills or refresh your current certification in this 30 minute course that teaches basic first aid skills to help individuals respond in the time of a crisis. Participants will not receive certification cards but will leave with the ability to perform lifesaving CPR. Sessions are in half hour blocks from 12-3 p.m. For more information on free courses, please contact MSU-N Campus Corps at 265-3577 or campuscorps@msun.edu.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Since the announcement of my [action roster](#) via Northern Network News (February 10) and its discussion at a subsequent Chancellor's Forum, I've had several questions about the rationale for creating and distributing such a document. Generally, the Q & A below is reflective of the scope of inquiries I've received.

Q: Why did you create the roster?

A: When I was interviewed, I said that I would be as open and transparent as possible about the priorities I would establish after learning more about the campus, its culture, its challenges, and its opportunities. This approach states clearly what I've established as initiatives important to the university after listening to and talking with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community. It also provides a clear set of criteria by which you can evaluate my performance as Chancellor.



Q: Why the specific deadlines?

A: Because if a project is important enough to be cited, it's important enough to have a deadline for completion. Otherwise, broad-based projects such as these can be easily moved to the bottom of any priority list in favor of other more immediate or reactive tasks.

Q: What happens if you miss a deadline?

A: The deadlines were established arbitrarily based on my evaluation of each initiative in relationship to each other and with regards to an optimum time for completion. The deadlines also provide a measurement of progress. However, unforeseen circumstances can and will affect the completion dates. For example, it's very possible that I won't meet the March 31 deadline I established for deciding about a day care center because the scope of the project has been expanded to include community partners, and it's taking a while to get everyone "at the table." Missing the deadline, however, doesn't mean that the project is moribund.

Q: Do you really think all the initiatives can be accomplished?

A: We are going to make every effort to do so, because each initiative was carefully considered relative to its importance to institutional strength and growth. If we don't accomplish them all, the quarterly reports that I distribute to campus will provide an explanation as to the reasons for non-achievement or postponement.

Branding 101

By Jim Potter

Why do we have brand standards?

It is important to have brand standards so people know how to use the logo in a way that supports the image MSU-Northern is trying to affirm. The standards also help convey stability, continuity, and strength to our students and constituency.

When the branding committee is done establishing the logo standards, we will likely have three levels of standards. Each standard will relate to a different level or style of usage. The first level will most likely refer to print items like letterhead, business cards, brochures, posters, signage, etc. The second level will relate to merchandise, like clothing, and the third level will relate to clubs and various organizations on the campus.

Our desire is to establish levels and standards that will take into account the various needs of the campus and allow for enough variety and flexibility so our graphic pieces and website can always look new, fresh, and consistent.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

The Lights Basketball Sendoff to Nationals is on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium. Your friends at Northern want you to join them for a celebratory party and to watch the Lights practice. After practice, join us for chili, autograph signing and send our love with the Lights as they head to NATIONALS.



Northern Alumni:

Here is a great chance to stock up on Northern gear at 30% off and also NMC gear. Come to the Northern Bookstore or call 406-265-3728 to have something shipped to you!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you looking for a book to read during Spring Break? Here are a few of the new books at the Library: *Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life* by David Theuer; *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard; *The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation About America* by Tom Brokaw; *Are You Smart Enough to Work at Google: Trick Questions, Zen-like Riddles, Insanely Difficult Puzzles, and Other Devious Interviewing Techniques You Need to Know to Get a Job Anywhere in the New Economy* by William Poundstone; *Growing a Garden City (about Missoula Montana)* by Jeremy Smith; *Motor City Muscle: The High-Powered History of the American Muscle Car* by Mike Mueller; and *Atlas of the Oceans: An Ecological Survey of Underwater Life* by John Farndon. New Novels include *Agaat* by Marlene Van Niekerk; *Beautiful Maria of My Soul* by Oscar Hijuelos; and *Percival's Planet* by Michael Byers. Check out these books and the others on the New Book Shelves. Relax and enjoy your Spring Break!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2010 Tip

Choose the most efficient paste settings for you

Sometimes you may spend a lot of time moving text within the same document or between documents. That can lead to additional formatting work if the destination document's formatting differs from the source. When this is the case, the **Paste Special** command can save you a bit of time. For instance, if you want the pasted text to adapt the destination document's formatting, you'd choose **Keep Text Only** from the Paste option's dropdown.

Choosing a special paste option is certainly more efficient than fixing the formatting after the fact, but if you have to choose a special option a lot, you might consider changing the default settings. To change the default paste settings, do the following:

1. Click the **File** tab and choose **Options**. (In Word 2007, click the Office button and then click Word Options).
2. Choose **Advanced** in the left pane.
3. In the **Cut, Copy, and Paste** section, choose the appropriate option.
4. Click **OK**.

There are options for 1) pasting within the same document, 2) between documents, 3) when there are conflicts, and 4) from other programs. For instance, if you usually choose **Keep Text Only** from the **Paste** option when copying text from a web page into a Word document, consider changing the **Paste From Other Programs** option to **Keep Text Only**. Word will then paste the text using the default paragraph formatting in the destination document.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

For the second consecutive year (sixth time overall), the Northern Lights are in the NAIA post season. Here is the Men's NAIA DI Basketball bracket:

http://www.naia.org/pdf8/830916.pdf?SPSID=640716&SPID=96230&DB_OEM_ID=27900

Northern plays Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. Good luck Lights!

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

The inspiration for this column stemmed from a desire to feature important historic women in each NNN issue in March (since March is National Women's History Month). The initial idea expanded and now University Relations offers you (our beloved devoted readers) "A Pinch of Salt"- adding a morsel of spice to your week. I hope to share snippets of intriguing information that will amuse and enlighten our NNN readers. As an info base, I will strive to include delectable info bits about the current month and day as well as facts about the upcoming week. Additionally, if I come across a general piece of witty or useful info, I will add the delightful drop to the weekly line-up.

And now for the first official pinch of salt:

Celebrating Historic Women: Mary Mason Lyon

Mary Mason Lyon (1797-1849), inspired by Emma Williard's school for girls in Troy, NY, diligently raised funds for three years in order to open the first women's college. The school, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, began its first school year in 1837 with 80 students. The following year Mount Holyoke had to turn 400 applicants away for lack of space. Lyon focused on offering an affordable education, as she believed that educating middle class women would make a significant impact on the future of education. Many of her pupils went on to open schools of their own. Mount Holyoke remains one of New England's prestigious "Seven Sisters" colleges. Mary Mason Lyon changed the course of American education by empowering young women, encouraging curiosity and enabling knowledge to take root.

On a different note, here's sample of history from March 9's past:

1959- Barbie debuted- over 800 million sold

1964- 1st Ford Mustang produced

1974- Last Japanese soldier, a guerrilla operating in Philippines, surrenders, 29 years after World War II ended

1976- 1st female cadets accepted to West Point Military Academy

1993- Pittsburgh Penguins begin NHL record 17 game winning streak

(Info from brainyhistory.com)

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."