



NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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From the Chancellor

By: Dr. James Limbaugh

At the September Board of Regents' meeting, the overall tone of the Board meeting was one of innovation—an explicit expectation that each campus reconsider the way it approaches education in the 21st century. During this session, MSUN received plaudits—both publicly and privately—from the Commissioner's office, the Board of Regents, and the leadership of Montana State University-Bozeman for our initiatives to upgrade the campus, to revitalize our website, and to review our academic programs. To engage in thoughtful, collaborative discussions about new educational initiatives for our students within such an atmosphere of enthusiastic support is an unparalleled opportunity for the faculty and for the entire campus. In the coming year and throughout our discussion, I ask that we focus on creativity of thought and the use of data to inform our decision-making process in support of our overarching goal of student success.

This is a great time to be at MSUN.

Northern's Enrollment Up

MSU-Northern's enrollment is up nine students (1282 headcount) as compared to this time last year's (1273 headcount). We are also up 3.15 FTE (full-time equivalent) students.

Dr. James Limbaugh, Chancellor, explains, "I am very privileged to have a dedicated group of faculty and staff who have worked very hard to make this enrollment increase a reality. When I came to Northern nine months ago I told everyone our enrollment will be up by the fall of 2013. I am pleased we have achieved that goal a year early, and my overarching goal is for that trend to continue."

American Indian Heritage Day Celebration



MSU-Northern celebrated American Indian Heritage Day with a Tipi Raising ceremony which was presented by Mr. Merle Tendoy, tribal elder at Rocky Boy. The ceremony involved a blessing of the new MSU-Northern Tipi lodge, and a smudge ceremony. The buffalo sage used for the ceremony is universal to North American tribes for the purpose of cleansing, purification and the banishment of negative spirits during a ceremony. Mr. Tendoy also shared the history of the tipi and its significance to the Native American people.

Rodeo Team Wins at Miles City



Last weekend MSU-Northern's men's rodeo team became the "Men's Team Champions" at the Miles

City Stampede College Rodeo. Robert Wagner was the Champion in the saddle bronc and Charlie Mack was the Champion in bareback.

Painting the Hello Walk



Every year campus clubs and groups revamp the stairs dubbed the "Hello Walk." This project displays school spirit as well as Northern community involvement. It serves as a bright and cheery greeting to newcomers on campus.

Homecoming Decoration



During the week leading up to the big Homecoming games, Northern family and community members were challenged to get creative with their school spirit by decorating rooms for a spirit competition. The categories of the contest were: faculty office, staff desk, office reception area, RA dorm door, club display case, and community storefront. To find out who the winners are, be sure to attend the football game on Saturday.

2012 Homecoming Schedule

Here are the remaining homecoming activities you can still be a part of:

Friday, September 28th

- 1 p.m.-Alumni Golf (Prairie Farms)
- 4 p.m.-Alumni BBQ (SUB East Lawn)
- 7 p.m.-Skylights VB vs. Lewis-Clark-(GYM)
- Dusk-Bonfire (Physical Plant Parking Lot)

Saturday, September 29th

- 10 a.m.-Alumni Brunch/Tours (ATC Lab)
- 1 p.m.- Lights Football vs. Rocky Mountain College (Blue Pony Stadium)
- 9 p.m. - Homecoming Dance (SUB Ballroom)

Hypnotist Gabriel Holmes



Thursday evening the ASMSUN Program Council presented a hypnotist for Northern and the community. Gabriel Holmes came ready to delight the audience with zany hypnotic presentations. The audience truly enjoyed Holmes's creative entertainment.

Upcoming Flu Clinic

MSU-Northern's flu clinic will take place on October the 9th from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the MSU-Northern, SUB Ballroom. No Appointment Necessary! Simply stop by and bring your insurance ID card with you!

This will be the only day employees can receive their free flu shots, so be sure to stop by if you need your flu shot. All insured plan members, employees, spouses, retirees are eligible for a free flu shot (not Medicare Advantage Program retirees). Children of any age are NOT eligible. Non-insurance plan members are not able to come and pay for a shot.

Please email Nicki Branden (at nicki.branden@msun.edu) if you have any other questions.

Flu Shots for Students

Students can get a flu shot for \$17.00 at the MSU-Northern Student Health Service Office, located in the Student Union Building Room 228. The Student Health Service Office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed Friday)

A Physician's Assistant is also available on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Graduation Applications Due

Graduation applications are due in the Registrar's Office by Nov 1st. Students will need to complete their application and program sheets with their advisor.

Forms are available in our office or at <http://www.msun.edu/registrar/graduation.aspx>

Coed Volleyball

Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin next week. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m. today!!

Games begin next week on Monday, October the 1st from 8-10 p.m. in the GYM and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until October the 23rd. You don't have to be trained or a sports superstar

to join a team. It's meant to be a fun time getting to know each other, while taking part in a fitness event.

SIGN UP TODAY!!

Upcoming Open Mic

The MSU-Northern Student Activities office is sponsoring an Open Mic Night in the Food Court on October the 2nd at 5 p.m. Can you sing? Recite poetry? Play an instrument? Make us laugh? Sound equipment will be provided; just bring your own instrument. The campus and community are invited to come to the Food Court for dinner and join in the fun or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment.

8-Ball Tournament

Come on down to the Pin-n-Cue in the SUB on October the 4th at 7 p.m. for a Double Elimination 8-Ball Tournament.

Come enjoy refreshments and some pool. You could win a prize!

Northern Showcase Season Begins

James Lee Stanley

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present as their season opener "James Lee Stanley" on October 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. Stanley, a true renaissance man, was born into a musical family in Philadelphia, PA., and was already performing and recording for LeGrand Records by the time he was fourteen. He majored in music at California State University, did a stint in the Air Force as a Chinese linguist, and performed three hundred dates a year with such diverse acts as Bonnie Raitt, Robin Williams, Chick Corea & Return To Forever, and Bill Cosby by the time he landed his second recording contract.

His remarkable ability as a vocalist and composer allow him to create songs, each recorded with a finely crafted backing that sonically enhances the impulse behind the lyric, coupled with his outrageously hilarious repartee. He is one of the few all-time greats and undisputed geniuses among singer-songwriters. FI Magazine listed his "Freelance Human Being" as "one of the finest recordings of 1998 and one of the Top 200 Recordings of all time." -FI Magazine-March 1999

"So where have they been hiding James Lee Stanley? We could say that James Lee Stanley is probably the last great undiscovered singer-songwriter in America. But true as that may be, let's say something else. Let's say that a diamond has been smuggled into the wasteland.....and here is where the wasteland ends." - Tom Robbins, author of "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues"

Season tickets will be available at this performance for \$125/family, \$60/adult, and \$35/students. MSU-Northern students are admitted free of charge with a current MSU-Northern ID. Individual admission prices for this performance are \$15/adult and \$10/student.

For more information on the 2012-13 NSCA performances check out our website at:

<http://www.msun.edu/stuactivities/showcase.aspx>

Auditions for It's a Wonderful Life-Radio Show

This year's MAT-Havre Christmas show is It's a Wonderful Life-Radio Show. It is the classic story that most of us have seen on TV, however it is performed as a radio show in the 1940's with a live audience. There are 5 characters (possibly more) who perform all of the old radio sound effects as well as starring in various roles.

Auditions will be held October the 2nd at 7 p.m. and October the 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the MSUN/MAT Theatre. The show opens on December 7 and runs through Dec 23 with some matinees.

I encourage everyone to audition for this show. It should be a lot of fun to do and a great challenge for the actors required to play more than one role.

For more information, please call email or call Andi (399-7014). You can also read about the play on the website: <http://www.mtactors.com/>.

Travel Opportunities for Students, Faculty, Staff and Community Members

There are two wonderful opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community members to expand their horizons with overseas travel in 2013.

First, over spring break, March 10-18, a group is leaving from Great Falls and heading to explore Ireland with an escorted tour. The trip starts in Shannon/Killarney then heads south to the Ring of Kerry, east to Blarney and Cork, then north to Dublin where they will experience St. Patrick's Day. There is also an optional tour to Belfast. If you are interested, please contact Carol Reifschneider (265-4126), Tracey Jette (265-3566) or Randy Bachmeier (265-4152).

The second opportunity is to Turkey. Brenda Skornogoski is the group leader. The group leaves Great Falls May the 14th for a 13-day adventure that circumnavigates Turkey. The tour starts in Istanbul, continues through Troy to Izmir (also known as Smyrna) with an optional side trip to Ephesus and the last home of Mary of Nazareth. The trip continues to Anatolia which is located on the Mediterranean Sea. This area is referred to as the "Turquoise Coast". From there the tour goes to Cappadocia which is an area similar to our "Badlands" with very unique building structure - sort of like our local "hoodoos". The tour continues through the capital of Ankara and then back to Istanbul. If you are interested, check out the specifics at: <http://www.gate1travel.com/Skornogoskigroup.aspx#hotels> or contact Brenda Skornogoski (262-7776), Randy Bachmeier (265-4152) or Carol Reifschneider (265-4126).

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

What do the following books have in common--

The Hunger Games trilogy, by Suzanne Collins, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee, and *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley? These are 4 of the Top Ten Most Frequently Challenged Books of 2011 (<http://www.ala.org/news/pr?id=10057>).

During 2011, someone at a school or library tried to stop other people from having access to these books to read. During the 30th anniversary of Banned Book Week (September 30-October 6, 2012) celebrate your freedom to read these books and many others. For more information, check out the following site: <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>.

Visit the library next week to see the display of banned and challenged books. Join the library staff on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for coffee and cookies. Also, please sign-up for the "I Love Books" tote bag drawings. Celebrate your freedom to read!

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot



Here are the community & campus events sponsored by the Northern Alumni Association

Friday September 28th

- **4 p.m. Alumni, Campus & Community BBQ** - East Lawn MSUN. \$12 per person Kids 12 & Under FREE, \$5 for Northern Students. The Northern Alumni Association invites the community of Havre, Northern campus and all of our Alumni near and far for a great BBQ. Come out and enjoy some great food, beverages and get to know someone new or find a friend from the past. Please bring your ID's.
- **7 p.m. Skylight Volleyball** vs. Lewis & Clark State College MSUN Gym. After the BBQ come to the newly remodeled gymnasium and watch a high energy match as our Skylights take on the LC State Warriors
- **9 p.m. Rally After Dark Bonfire** - Physical Plant parking lot MSUN. Join all the Northern teams for a bonfire, food and some amazing Northern spirit. (weather conditions permitting)

Saturday September 29th

- **10 a.m. Bloody Mary Brunch & Campus Tours** - ATC MSUN - \$10 per person It's back... by popular demand we are having our Bloody Mary Brunch! Join us and Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation for a great brunch and pre-game social. Besides enjoying the Bloody Mary Brunch, which will consist of pancakes, eggs, bacon and of course your favorite Bloody Mary or Caesar drink. You will also receive a tumbler at the door for you to keep! Tours will be available and will highlight all of the great improvements that happened this past year on campus. Come see the changes and get revved up for the Homecoming game versus Rocky Mountain College. Ride in the goose will be available from the ATC to the stadium and back if you would like a ride!
- **1 p.m. Northern Football** vs. Rocky Mountain College - Blue Pony Stadium

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 7 Tip

Set a New Windows Explorer Launch Folder

When you run Windows Explorer, it always opens to the Libraries folder. That's fine if you use Microsoft's default file organization, which designates Libraries as the overall container for your folders. But what if you don't? You might prefer to have Windows Explorer open to Computer or any other folder you choose. Here's how to do it:

1. Right-click the **Windows Explorer** icon on the taskbar (it's the one that looks like a folder).
2. On the context menu that appears, right-click the **Windows Explorer** icon.
3. Select **Properties**. The **Windows Explorer Properties** dialog box appears.
4. You'll have to edit the **Target** field on the Shortcut tab of this dialog box in order to change the default location at which Explorer opens.

If you want Explorer to open to a specific folder, simply enter the name of the folder, substituting your folder name for "Folder" in this example:

```
%windir%\explorer.exe c:\Folder
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So let's say you have a folder called **Budget** on your C: drive. To have Explorer open to that folder you would type this in the Target field:

```
%windir%\explorer.exe c:\Budget
```

If you want Explorer to open to special pre-set locations, such as **Computer**, you'll need to enter special syntax in the **Target** field. Following is a list of three common locations and the syntax to use:

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Computer: %windir%\explorer.exe ::{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}
Documents: %windir%\explorer.exe ::{450D8FBA-AD25-11D0-98A8-0800361B1103}
Network: %windir%\explorer.exe ::{208D2C60-3AEA-1069-A2D7-08002B30309D}
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5. After you've changed the **Target** field, click **OK**. Next time you launch Windows Explorer, it will open to the new location you've designated.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

This is the final "Pinch of Salt" for September. So far we have celebrated September as National Literacy Month, National Chicken Month, and National Yoga Month. For this month's grand finale, let us commemorate the 30th National Sewing Month. Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Sewing Month in 1982 to raise awareness for all that sewing does for our country. Look at what you are wearing. Without the skills of a seamstress or "seamster," (What IS the male term for seamstress? Sewer? Tailor?) you most probably would not be wearing the same outfit you are today. Take sewing out of our world's skill equation, and life is much blander and stylistically distressing.

Celebrate sewing today. Here are some ideas on how you can do so:

- Sew your own fabric pumpkins. [Here's the tutorial](#)
- Appreciate a sewing enthusiast who has provided you with many material wonders by blessing them with a sewing-themed gift like this [dainty necklace](#)
- Not every sewer is a woman. Here is a manly DIY project: how to sew a [Gatsby hat](#)

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