

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Past Week*

## Homecoming 2015



This year's homecoming events kept the Northern campus cheery and bustling with activity. From painting the Hello Walk to crowning the 2015 king and queen and everything in between, it was a festive week of school spirit and Havre pride. Representing Northern Ambassadors, Tyler Leefers and Tayla Snapp stood tall as the newly crowned homecoming king and queen. Next in line were Trent Noel and Alicia Mason, the representatives for ASMSUN Senate, crowned prince and princess. Karl Muelheim and Faith Martin took third as the duke and duchess, representing their campus club, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

# Havre Festival Days



This year, Northern's homecoming week and Havre's Festival Days coincided, creating a lively weekend for the campus and community to enjoy. The parade is an adored tradition which incorporates floats displaying the pride and exuberance of the campus, local businesses, community clubs, and various other neighborhood individuals and entities. Other events like the quilt and craft shows and the Hill County Library's annual book sale bring friends and family together to celebrate Havre and enjoy the last days of summer warmth.

# American Indian Heritage Week



This week, Northern celebrated Montana and Havre's rich culture by focusing on American Indian Heritage Week. The revelry began with a tipi raising ceremony and included various other enjoyable and informative showcase events including various speakers and the Sweet Grass Society's annual Indian taco sale.

## Northern Starts its Northern Native Alumni Association



Last Wednesday night the first meeting of the Northern Native Alumni Association (NNAA) took place. Enthusiastic alumni reunited to discuss the direction they would like to take to support the academic success of American Indian students. They would like to offer their help as mentors and fundraisers to aid in the American Indian student retention journey. Currently, they are designing a logo so they can be identified by the community. The meetings will take place every third Wednesday of the month at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. All those who are interested are welcome to join. For more information, please contact [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or call 265-3589.

## Student Spotlight- Sterling Grimes

By Kimmi Boyce

MSU-Northern diesel student Sterling Grimes came across his internship opportunity unconventionally. He was catering for a Northern career fair and, throughout the day, began to think it would be a good idea to interview with a company or two if they had time to accommodate him. Lo and behold, he secured an interview, and not only that, he acquired a summer position. Soon the North Carolina native traveled to Gillette, Wyoming to work for Kiewit Inc.

Upon arriving at his internship assignment, Grimes was immediately shocked by the situation he had gotten himself into. He said, "I planned on working on diesel engines, thinking I would work on Cummins and John Deere and Case IH. Now I've worked on 400-ton haul trucks by climbing up into the engine compartment. The size proportions of the equipment taught me how safety is of utmost importance." As surprised as he was by the scale of his assignment, Grimes thrived at his work. He was always ready to learn, and the company placed him with willing mentors who taught him basics and even shortcuts they had learned during their years of practice.



Like MSU-Northern classes, the Kiewit internship offered Grimes many hand-on learning experiences that were, in his words, "eye-opening." His favorite part of the job was learning new skills and getting signed off on new equipment, having that pride, knowing he was cleared to work on another piece for the company.

This fly fishing, hunting, outdoor adventure enthusiast is ready for whatever the future holds. He isn't bound by geography whatsoever. When he graduates, he wants to take the best job he can find- wherever it may be. He said, "A person with a closed mind lives in a sealed box, but if someone is willing to ship the box, they can break

out into a whole new reality- better than their limited beginnings." Grimes is ready to take on the challenges of life ahead of him, confident that his Northern education and internship experiences will back up his passion and take him to new heights.

## Death by Chocolate - A Knight of Murder



Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) hosted their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser, "A Knight of Murder" this past weekend. Over 340 people enjoyed a night filled with medieval frivolities, including jousting and archery games. Guests were also challenged to solve the murder mystery that featured a number of local residents- including Chancellor Kegel and Chair Tuss of the Board of Regents! Fabulous ribs, tacos, and other delectable foods were provided by the St Jude's Booster Club. The event is MAT's largest fundraiser of the year and provides the funds needed to produce the upcoming 2015-16 season. Tickets are available now for the first show of the season, "Everyone Loves Zombies-Except Ashley" at [www.mtactors.com](http://www.mtactors.com).

## Important Notices

- 9/28/2015 - Last day to drop a 1st-half-semester class with a "W"
- 10/22/2015 - Last day to add a 2nd-half-semester class
- 10/26/2015 - Last day to drop a full-semester class with a "W"
- 10/28/2015 - Last day to drop a 2nd-half-semester class without a "W"
- 11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

## Media Reprographics Center Services- Laminating

The Media Reprographics Center in Cowan Hall offers laminations, among numerous other services. The center can perform laminations on papers up to thirty-six inches, making lamination a great option for nearly any project. It does not, however, work on our glossy or luster paper, but everything else is perfect!

## Nursing Accreditation and Licensure Visit

The Montana State University-Northern Department of Nursing wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation and licensure of its ASN and RN-BSN nursing programs by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN) and Montana Board of Nursing (MTBON).

You are invited to meet the site visit teams and share your comments about the programs. You can do so in person at a meeting scheduled to run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Hensler Auditorium on the Montana State University-Northern campus.

You can also get involved through virtual media through a televised showing on the Montana State University-Northern Lewistown campus at the Central Montana Education Center in Lewistown.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Email: [mstoll@acenursing.org](mailto:mstoll@acenursing.org)  
And/or

Dr. Cynthia Z. Gustafson, Executive Director Montana Board of Nursing  
P.O. Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620-0513  
Email: [CGustafson@mt.gov](mailto:CGustafson@mt.gov)

All written comments should be emailed to or mailed in time for the accreditation board's arrival.

## Northern Career Center Services

The Career Center has been extremely busy since the start of fall semester. Mary Heller has presented to over 12 different Northern classes on information about what she and Jennifer Henderson can help students accomplish towards professional development. These ladies have also edited over 50 resumes from students since August 24.

Did you know that the Career Center provides a comprehensive network of employment services for students, graduates, alumni, and employers? Students who take advantage of the Career Center's resources have a competitive advantage in achieving their career goals. Northern encourages you to take advantage of these services on a regular basis.

Let the Career Center help you:

- Sign up for CareerExpress, the online system that will allow you to post your resume, build a profile, and search for job openings while you are a student, graduate, or alumni.
  - Create and Edit that perfect resume and cover letter.
  - Hold a mock interview so you are prepared for the real experience.
  - Sign up for Cooperative Education credits.
  - Perform a job search and provide tips based upon experience and current trends.
  - Participate in an on-campus interview with the many employers who come to campus to recruit Northern students and alumni.
  - Get a part-time job off campus or a work study position on campus.
  - Attend the two career fairs that will give you the experience of networking with potential employers.
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- Fall 2015 Career Fair is scheduled for Monday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-noon in the gym. The employer registration deadline is September 25, if interviewing.
  - Spring 2016 Career Fair is scheduled for Monday, February 8 from 9 a.m.-noon in the gym.

Come see Mary Heller and Jennifer Henderson in the Career Center located in Cowan Hall Admissions area, 213F.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Random Quizzes - Sept. 25**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Random Quizzes. Instructors, would you like to learn how to randomize quiz questions in D2L? We've got the recipe. Do you have your own assessment special recipe? Please share your expertise with other instructors over snacks and fresh coffee. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, September 25) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., & 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### **Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Preparing Students to Transition to College and Succeed - Sept. 29**

The Learning Success Center staff would like to invite you to attend this 90-minute webinar. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library, Lab A. Please let Becky Nicholson know if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions.

### **XLi 2016**

Next year's XLi Conference will take place at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

You may submit proposals for presentations at the XLi 2016 website: <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/>

Remember faculty, attending or presenting at XLi will earn you professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting. We can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

### **Quality Matters - Anytime Online**

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

## *Upcoming Activities*

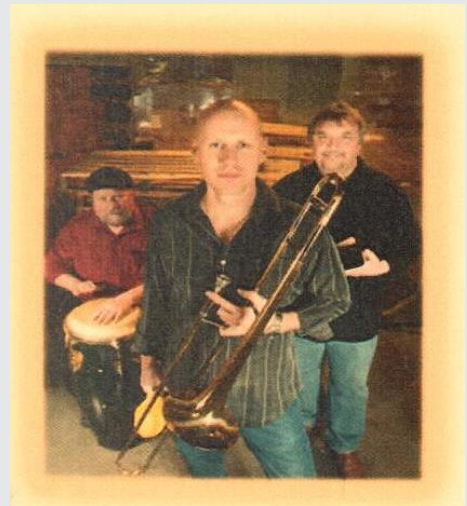
### **Coed Volleyball- Sept. 28**

Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin September the 28<sup>th</sup>. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Info Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m., September 25. Games will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until October 20, with the tournament scheduled for October 26-27. You don't have to be trained or be 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!**

## Blanquito brings Latin rhythm to Northern- Sept. 28

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (every September 15 through October 15) the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the Office of Students Activities have invited the ensemble Blanquito. This trio will be playing a 100% Latino repertoire of primarily Mexican and Cuban music along with all sort of rhythms like salsa, boleros, and Latin jazz. The leader of the group, John Roberts, originally from the island of Malta, is an energetic musician with many years of international touring in concerts, festivals, clubs, and clinics. Most recently, he had a residency in Havana, Cuba, and his list of artists for whom he has performed includes: Chaka Khan, Mariah Carey, Lady Gaga, and Christina Aguilera, among others. This concert is free, and it is scheduled for September 28, at 7p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.



## Havre Chamber of Commerce Job Fair - Sept. 30

Havre's Chamber of Commerce is hosting a huge networking event, their job fair, on September 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside School Gym. Students and alumni can come check out job opportunities from local businesses like: Havre Montana Hospital, Gary and Leo's IGA, Tilleman Motors, Town House Inns, Herberger's, Northern Home Essentials, and Independence Bank. For more information, call 406-265-4383 or e-mail [chamber@havremt.net](mailto:chamber@havremt.net).

## Board Game Night- Oct. 1

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting another board game night on October the 1st at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Join in for some of the old favorites: Monopoly, Risk, Uno, Cribbage, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, and many more, and come enjoy free snacks as well.

## Alumni Auction- Oct. 3

**NORTHERN ALUMNI FOUNDATION**

# ALUMNI AUCTION

**October 3rd  
6:00 PM  
SUB Ballroom**

**\$20  
Per Person**

**Great Friends  
Great Food  
Great Fun**

Join The Northern Alumni Foundation and Northern family on October 3 at 6 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom for the 2015 Alumni Chinese Auction. Every year this iconic event helps raise money for student scholarships at MSU-Northern. Join in, and experience great friends, food, and, fun that all help support a great cause. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door or by calling 265-3711. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation to the auction, call or stop by the Alumni Foundation office at 305 Cowan Hall.

## Upcoming Chancellor's Lecture Series

Come check out an artist's talk and gallery reception, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library.

Photographer Jill Brody's "Hidden in Plain Sight" features large-scale images capturing the daily life of Montana's Liberty County Hutterites. A documentarian for the more than 25 years, Brody took trips to the Hutterite colonies several times each year since 2010, and studied their cultures and how they lived. Brody, a New York native who now lives in Providence, R.I., started to delve into how people in rural communities interact with each other and help each other out.

All Chancellor's Lecture Series performances are free and open to the public.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the fall 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## Karaoke at Northern - Oct. 21

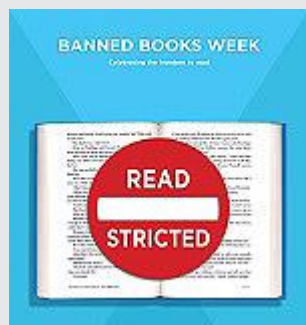
Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee will hold a karaoke night at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The dates will be September 16, October 21 and November 18. The last night of the semester, we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate.

Come on out and join the fun!

## Weekly Columns

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist



#### Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, Sept. 27 - Oct. 3

By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community - librarians,

booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

(<http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/bbw>)

Some of the most frequently challenged books during 2014 include: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie; *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison; *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini; *Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi; and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky. Stop by the library to check out these and many other books. While you are here visit the Banned Books Week display and sign up for the prizes. For more information about Banned Books Week visit <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>.

### TidBits

By Bill Lanier

It is not all that unusual to have families with multi-generational collegiate athletes having attended the same school. This goes for Northern as well. Three current Northern student/athletes had a parent or parents who were also student/athletes at Northern.

First is wrestler Jake French. His father, Steve French, was a two time All-American, not only on the mat but also in classroom. Steve accomplished this in 1989 and 1990.

Second is volleyball player Cassie Krueger. Cassie's mother, Anna-Marie Hoffart Krueger, played basketball and volleyball for the Skylights, and her father Art Krueger played basketball for the Lights.



Third is Skylight basketball player, Peyton Filius. Peyton's mother, Kari Fike Filius, played basketball for the Skylights (including on the 1993 National Championship team) and her father, Scott Filius, was a two time All-American in wrestling (1991 National Champion). Scott and Kari are in the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame and are the only married couple that have been inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame.

Please let me know of others by contacting me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com).