

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

MSUN Wrestling Takes on Iowa Hawkeyes



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Last Saturday our NAIA Lights Wrestling Team took on the NCAA Iowa Hawkeyes. The day was full of excitement and fierce competition. The Lights brought their best against the talented Hawkeyes. Watch this video for some highlights and a recap of this exciting historic match.

Mary Poppins Behind the Scenes: Part 1



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The MSUN theatre workshop class has been hard at work building the set for the upcoming MAT production of *Mary Poppins*. Take a look at this video for a "behind the scenes" look into this upcoming production.

Important Announcements

Student Excellence Award Nominations Due- Feb. 26

The Student Excellence Award is Northern's most prestigious student award. It's time to nominate the students who have truly been shining Northern Lights this year. The deadline for nominations is: 5 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016.

Undergraduate Nomination Criteria (up to 10 recipients):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities.
- Any current student who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester, and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

Graduate Student Criteria (1 recipient):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through the academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities, including demonstration of leadership in their work setting and/or community.
- Any current graduate student who will have earned the equivalent of 50 percent of the graduate program's credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.

- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

Previous recipients of the Student Excellence Award are not eligible. Nomination forms are available at room 204 in the SUB. For more information, contact Kim Watson at kimberly.watson5@msun.edu.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Google Maps

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic: Google Maps. Having students connect theoretical concepts to physical locations is a great way to help them develop a more concrete understanding of the material.

Using mapping tools in class is an obvious choice for history or geography. But what about literature, business, agriculture, or other areas of study? At Tech Snacks we'll show you some of the cool things you can do with Google Maps, and share ideas for using mapping activities and assignments in your own courses.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, February the 19th at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - April 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference, hosted at MSU-Northern, is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country.

The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at Northern and at high schools and universities across the region to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information including the Request for Proposal forms, contact Erica McKeon-Hanson at erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu or visit www.littleriverinstitute.org.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

Havre Bridal Fair- Feb. 20

This weekend, visit the Holiday Village Mall during Havre's annual bridal fair, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is for brides and shoppers alike. It's a chance for a jump start on wedding planning or a chance to discover a great new product or business. Some of the participating vendors will include: Beya, Roses File-N-Style, Destination Travel, Live Real Media, Snowy River Candles, Flynn Realty, Skeleton Key Photography, Boyce & Berry Flowers, and Clockwork Cakes.

Before the Horse: Northern Rockies Lifestyles- Feb. 22

"Before the Horse: Northern Rockies Lifestyles" presented by Kae Cheatham, will take place February 22 at 11 a.m. in Hensler Auditorium. It is sponsored by Havre Hometown Humanities. Cheatham is a prolific author, photographer, and researcher. During this presentation, she will be illustrating what life was like in the Northern Rockies before the presence of horses when the use of dogs was most prevalent as a mode of transportation. To complement her information, she will use maps, photos, and animal replicas with their bundles and sledges (travois). She will also include details about the size of the lodges and a village layout. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Spring 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

This movie series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian and indigenous artists and filmmakers. Following each film there will be a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everyone is welcome. Light

refreshments will be available. All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m. The films this year are:

ON THE ICE - Tues. Feb. 23

Tragedy, friendship, and responsibility in an Iñupiat community

EMPIRE OF DIRT - Wed. Mar. 23

Three generations of First Nations women struggle to bridge the generation gap and deal with the demons of their past.

RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS - Thurs. Apr. 14

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

Celebrating Black History Month with Dance- Feb. 24

In celebration of Black History Month, Mark Matthews, historian, dance instructor, and officer with the Missoula Folklore Society, will be in Havre to talk about the origins of African-American social dance and its evolution. His presentation will revolve around how this progression has permeated mainstream American modern culture. This event is sponsored by Humanities Montana and hosted by the MSUN Dance Club. Everyone is invited to attend February the 24th at 5:30 p.m., in the SUB Ballroom.

Hi-Line Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet- Feb. 26

Havre's annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet will take place next Friday, February 26, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Duck Inn Olympic Room. This fundraising banquet will help ensure that waterfowl have places to nest, raise their young, migrate through, and winter in each year. Your attendance at the banquet will help conserve wetlands and critical upland habitat vital to North America's waterfowl and the more than 900 other species of wildlife that use these same habitats. Online ticket sales end on February the 25th, so buy yours now. There are only a few days left! For more information, contact Jim Bachini at (406) 262 - 3739.

Comedy Night with Taylor Tomlinson & DJ Demers- Feb. 29

On February the 29th, come on out to the 5th Avenue Church for a fun-filled double-header night of comedy with Taylor Tomlinson and D.J. Demers. Tomlinson was a recent Top-10 finalist of Last Comic Standing, finalist in the San Diego Comedy Festival and winner of the Flappers College Comedy Competition. Demers was a finalist in NBC's Stand-up for Diversity and winner of 2014 Homegrown Comics Competition at the Just for Laughs festival in Montreal. The event will run from 7 p.m. until about 9 p.m. For more information on these comedians, visit their websites at www.ttomcomedy.com and www.djdemers.com.

History, Stories and Singing Intertwined in Upcoming Lecture - Mar. 1

The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series is proud to present "Meagher of the Sword: Montana's Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher" with Neal Lewing on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The presentation will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Neal Lewing, an actor, singer/songwriter, recording artist, playwright, poet, storyteller, author and historian presents the story, in folklore, music, and his own words, of the man commemorated in the statue that graces the Montana State Capitol's front lawn.

Thomas Francis Meagher lived a colorful life of adventure, from humble beginnings in Ireland to becoming Montana's governor. In between, he led Irish rebels, escaped from Van Diemen's Land, toured the United States on a lecture circuit, designed the Irish tricolor flag, and distinguished himself as a Civil War general. His final disappearance in Fort Benton remains an unsolved mystery.

Lewing is also a presenter for the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau, and this program is a part of that program.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-4175.

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

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

MAT Presents *Mary Poppins*

MAT's next play is an iconic musical, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*. Casey Pratt and Rachel Dean are directing the show, and it will be showing March 4-6, 10-13, and 17-19. Evening performances will begin at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Doors and backstage lounge open thirty minutes before each show. Adults can attend the play for \$20. Seniors, students, and military members can attend for \$15, and children's tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern students attend for free with current student I.D.s.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

This week's NNN TidBit highlights three Northern alumni who have received special recognition.

First is Jill Jasper Gyll. Jill, originally a Superior, Montana native, was recently named teacher of the year for Bear Mountain Elementary and Arvin Union School District. Jill, her husband Dan, and their kids live in Bakersfield, California. Jill graduated from Northern with a degree in elementary education.

Second is Tonja Brewer. This past year, Tonja was named Montana History Teacher (Montana Statehood Centennial Bell Award) of the Year. Tonja is a fourth grade teacher at Roundup Central Elementary in Roundup, Montana. Tonja was born and raised in Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School. Tonja and her husband Chris Brewer are both Northern alums.

Third is Kenny Rucker. On Saturday, Kenny Rucker will be inducted into the Texas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Honor at the UIL State Wrestling Tournament. Kenny was a National Champion wrestler for Northern. He has already been inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame and the North Idaho College Hall of Fame. Kenny Rucker is married to Havre native and Northern alum, Dawn Matter.

Congratulations Jill, Tonja, and Kenny you all make Northern proud!