

This Past Week

Powell Wins Award in National "Make it with Wool" Fashion Review



MSU-Northern student, Jasmine Powell, recently entered the annual "Make it with Wool" fashion review competition at the American Sheep Industry Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Powell travelled to the national event as the senior division winner of the Montana level competition and won the Creative Machine Embroidery Award at the national level. Congratulations on your artistic endeavors Jasmine. You make Northern proud!

Before the Horse: Northern Rockies Lifestyles by Kae Cheatham



"Before the Horses: Northern Rockies Lifestyles" by Kae Cheatham was an illustrative presentation about the period in indigenous history known as "the dog days." Before the horse made it to America through the Spanish conquests, indigenous cultures in the plains used their dogs as a main mode of transportation for their belongings. Back then, inhabitants of the Northern plains travelled on foot and often walked between six and eight miles a day with their dogs pulling travois. Cheatham focused on dogs and their part in everyday life, but she also touched on other interesting topics including: hunting practices, encampment structure, cooking, consumption and preservation of foods, daily

routines, attire, children's games, and even courtship protocol. This presentation was sponsored by Havre Humanities Montana.

Celebrating Black History Month with Dance



In celebration of Black History Month, Mark Matthews, historian, dance instructor, and officer with the Missoula Folklore Society, came to Havre and talked the MSUN Dance Club about the origins of African-American social dance and its evolution. Matthews intertwined dance routines with the explanation of historical facts. He described the possible origins of some movements. In the case of the cakewalk dance, indeed, slaves would dance around a big cake and the one who would have the most charming dancing would win it. Most likely the winner was picked by the slave's master. Later white people started imitating this style of dancing as a way to rebel the strict Victorian protocol. This presentation was sponsored by Havre Hometown Humanities.

Important Announcements

Summer 2016 Class Schedule is now up on Banner Web

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the Summer 2016 Pre-Registration Schedule.

Student Excellence Award Nominations Due- Today

The Student Excellence Award is Northern's most prestigious student award. It is that time of year to look at the awesome students at Northern, and if they fit the criteria, nominate them for a Student Excellence Award. The deadline to submit a nomination is 5 p.m. Friday, February the 26th.

Award recipients will be recognized on April 15 during the university scholarships and student awards ceremony which will begin at 10 a.m. in the SUB ballroom.

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: Getting the Most out of Your Quizzes

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

This week's topic: Getting the Most out of Your Quizzes. D2L's quiz tool offers a ton of flexibility in creating tests and quizzes, setting up automatic and manual grading and feedback, creating randomized questions, and more. And did you know that many textbook publishers offer pre-made quizzes and question libraries that can be imported directly into your D2L courses?

We've got ideas for everyone from a beginning instructor to a tenured professor.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, February the 26th at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 112, 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, 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

Hi-Line Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet- Feb. 26

Havre's annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet will take place today, 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. 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) 265-3700.

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

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

Montana Women's Coalition Presentation - Mar. 1

Toni Plummer-Alvernaz, Executive Director of the Montana Native Women's Coalition in Glasgow, MT will be presenting "Sovereignty, Justice, and Truth: The Journey of Native Women 2016." Her presentation revolves around ending female domestic and sexual violence in Indian nations. She will be covering current statistical data on the topic. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation, which will take place March 1st at 10.00 am the Hager Room 101 ("The Pit").

Women's Basketball Playoff - Undecided

Competition is fierce again this year, so our Skylight basketball players won't know if they're second, third, or fourth until after the game this Saturday night. There may be a game on Wednesday, March 2 if they finish third or fourth. A game will take place Saturday, March 5 if the girls finish second. Regardless, tickets will be available Monday, February 29. Students will be allowed one ticket with their student I.D.s. No other passes will be deemed valid for these games, but tickets will be \$10 per adult and \$8 for students, seniors, and kids. Tickets will be available at the Athletic Office from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Men's Basketball Playoff - Undecided

The current plan is for the Lights basketball team to travel to Rocky for a game on March the 1st, but that could change based on games that will occur this weekend. Stay tuned into local news to find out if the plan changes.

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.

Safe Zone Module III - Undoing and Unpacking Individual Heterosexism - Mar. 9

Participate in this conversation to identify the beliefs and practices that intentionally or unconsciously privilege heterosexuality as the only (or most acceptable) sexual orientation, and how in some cases

these practices might constitute microaggressions. This module is open to everyone. It will take place March 9th from noon to one at the Fireside Conference Room. Those interested, register by contacting Cristina Estrada-Underwood: c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or by calling 265-3589 or Amber Spring: amber.spring@msun.edu or by calling 265-3783.

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:

***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"

Tribal Transfer Day - Apr. 1

Tribal Transfer Day will focus on the theme "Eliminating Roadblocks to Success." In this one-day event, learn more about transitioning to a 4-year university while enjoying free breakfast, lunch, and refreshments, and hearing presentations on online learning, sports, student activities, Native American activities, and much more. Attendees will also be able to take a campus tour, visit faculty advisors, visit with Native American students currently enrolled at Northern, and visit with members of the Northern Native Alumni Association. Reserve your spot by registering at www.msun.edu/multiculturalcenter/

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that Coach Huse and Coach Mouat currently have a combined win total of 504 wins as Northern head coaches? Coach Huse has 292 wins, while Coach Mouat has 212 wins.

Last week I wrote that Kenny Rucker had been inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. That is incorrect, and I apologize for that mistake. He is not in the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2009 Rucker was inducted into the North Idaho College Hall of Fame, and this past Saturday he was inducted into the Texas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Honor at the State Wrestling Tournament. In April, Rucker will be inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Hall of Fame.

Here is a link to the North Idaho College Hall of Fame that includes Kenny Rucker:

<http://www.nicathletics.com/hof.aspx>

Wrestling fans, be on the lookout next week, as I will have my now annual "Northern Wrestling by the Numbers" TidBit.