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Video Spotlight: IX Ranch



Richard Roth, Vice President of the IX Ranch outside of Big Sandy, Montana, welcomes MSU-Northern Agriculture Operations Technology students who visited his ranch for a class field trip.

MSU-Northern Achieves AED Foundation Accreditation for its Diesel Technology BS Degree Program



Montana State University-Northern is pleased to announce that their four-year diesel technology degree is fully accredited with the Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) Foundation. Attaining accreditation demonstrates the school's commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement.

MSU-Northern is a comprehensive university offering programs and services at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's levels. MSU-Northern's diesel technology program has been highly respected in the diesel equipment industry for many years.

"I want to recognize the faculty and staff at MSU-Northern who worked so hard to achieve the AED accreditation," said MSU-Northern Chancellor, Greg Kegel. The AED accreditation is a good example of one of the projects recommended and supported by our diesel advisory board. Our industry partners are very familiar with the AED accreditation. Therefore, it is important to us to give our students the credentials they will need to succeed in industry," said Kegel.

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MSU-Northern Hosts Montana Higher Education Consortium



Last week (Nov. 14-15), MSU-Northern hosted the Montana Higher Education Consortium (HEC). The consortium brings together general and special education faculty members from all teacher training programs in the State of Montana with the Montana Office of Public Instruction to talk about the current shifts and trends in education. HEC has met twice a year (spring and fall) for the past fifteen years to discuss critical issues and share ideas relating to teacher training programs in Montana.

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Workbenches Installed in New Electrical Lab



Northern will soon be opening their new Greenlee AppleLab, which will allow our electrical program to offer advanced electrical and telecommunication certifications.

This new lab has been in the planning and building stages for almost two years. Faculty and students recently assembled 12 workbenches with casters and vices as well as the tools, which are demonstrated, on the Greenlee/National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) PowerPoint training slides.

The workbenches were purchased with Perkins grant funds that Holly Haas helped acquire. Related Training Director, Lorren Schlotfeldt, also assisted with the purchase. Greenlee/Emerson, as well as, Crescent Electric Supply of Great Falls provided educational discounts for the workbenches and tools.

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Skylights Introduce Kids to College Basketball



Last Friday (Nov. 15), the MSU-Northern Skylights, played and defeated the Corban College Warriors 69-43. The exciting part about this event was not only the victory, but it was the first-ever “Field Trip Game” at MSU-Northern. Several hundred kids (grades 3-5) came from Havre, Box Elder, Rocky Boy, and Chinook, to expose them to college basketball.

“I think the biggest thing we wanted to accomplish with this event was to help kids get excited about athletics and help them understand that they have to get good grades to participate in athletics,” said Chris Mouat, MSU-Northern, Head Women’s Basketball Coach.

Northern students met each school and escorted them to their seats. Each kid received a free popcorn and a bottle of water. The kids had a lot of fun cheering the Skylights to victory. During halftime, the kids played heads and tails and watched some of their teachers roll the dice for a free flight voucher from CapeAir--congratulation Ashley.

We want to extend a special thanks to the Student Athlete Advisory Council, MSUN athletic teams, the Student Ambassadors, Bobbie Morse, Bo Bettinson, McGruff, and the administration for helping to make this event a huge success.

Ag Advisory Board Meeting

Agricultural Operations Technology Program had their annual Advisory Board Meeting on Friday, November 8. The board listened to updates on enrollment, recruiting, the Career Center, Perkin's grant, TekNoXpo, PAS club activities, graduate exit surveys, and the MACTE conference. For new business, they discussed the Browning Kimball Grant, the outdoor learning lab, and scholarships. They concluded the meeting with some discussions on curriculum, which included some thoughts on precision agriculture. Special thank you to all of the board members who came to make our Ag program outstanding.

Stockgrowers Open House



Rancher, farm broadcaster and Nordlund Communications owner, Lane Nordlund, was the keynote speaker at the sixth annual Montana State University-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers meeting, Saturday, at Northern's Student Union Building, held in conjunction with the North Central Stockgrowers' Association annual meeting.

Nordlund said that although many agricultural producers are facing issues in the market, they are also experiencing a lot of good, and the most important

thing producers should remember is to educate people on the industry and who they are as farmers and ranchers.
(from Havre Daily News story)

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Cree Mini Lessons Part 2



In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Little River Institute hosted the second part of their interactive “lunch and learn” Cree language and culture lessons with Kishey Pism Baker. Kishey was born and raised in Saskatchewan, Canada, with Cree as her first language. She has lived in Rocky Boy, Montana, for more than 20 years with her spouse, their three children and one stepson. Kishey holds a B.S.Ed. in elementary education from MSU-N. After a number of years teaching at Box Elder Schools,

Kishey enrolled in MSU-N's Master of Education degree in counselor education. In Wednesday's session, Kishey shared Cree kinship explaining the relationships between mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, and aunt and uncles among Cree families. She shared the meaning of the Cree medicine wheel and the connection to her philosophy of counseling in helping people find emotional and physiological healing. In addition, she shared traditional clothing that she made and the connection to her family and tribe. She also demonstrated traditional dance styles inviting the participants to join her. We are honored to have Kishey support the efforts of the Little River Institute in promoting cultural awareness and understanding of our regional tribes.

Student Art Show in SUB



MSU-Northern's annual student art show began this past Monday night (Nov. 18) with a nice reception for the student artists. The beautiful and interesting art pieces are on display in the S.U.B. Ballroom. The show is a great opportunity for everyone to discover the artistic talents of Northern's students through their paintings, drawings, and photographs. Stop by and take a look at the show, which will be on display until Friday, Nov. 22.

Upcoming Major Events

No NNN Next Week

There will not be a Northern Network News next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The last NNN for fall semester will be December 6.



Campus Calendar

Friday, November 22

- Graduation Applications DUE
- Student Art Show
- Skylights Basketball @ Providence vs Northwest University 2:00 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Providence vs Northwest University 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 23

- Skylights Basketball @ Providence vs Dickinson State
- Lights Basketball @ Providence vs Dickinson State 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 24

- Lights Wrestling @ Spokane Open

Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Break ~ No Classes, Offices OPEN 🚪
- Library Hours for the day before Thanksgiving 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 28

- Holiday ~ Thanksgiving ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
- Library CLOSED
- Havre Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday, November 29

- Holiday ~ Thanksgiving* ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
- Library CLOSED
- Skylights Basketball vs Yellowstone Christian College 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball AmericInn Thanksgiving Classic 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 30

- Small Business Saturday
- Havre Community Tree Lighting - 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Lights Basketball AmericInn Thanksgiving Classic - 6:00 PM

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TidBit

By: William Lanier

Golden “N” Recipients List Updated

This week’s NNN TidBit is going to be an update! In the April 26, 2019 NNN, we had an article on the Golden “N” recipients. In case you do not remember here is the article.

“There is now a new display in the SUB ballroom recognizing the last ten years of Golden “N” recipients. I want to encourage you to take a look at it the next time you are in the SUB. In the process of making a companion website that lists all of the recipients, we have identified a few holes in our list that we hope our readers can help us identify. The first hole is in 1995... who was the other person who received a Golden “N” with Wanda McKinney? There are four recipients that I am not sure when they received the award. These people are Val Valdez, Bill Byars, Helen Allen, and Conrad Nystrom. Any help identifying these years would be greatly appreciated.”

While I did not get any help (yet) on the years that Val Valdez, Bill Byars, Helen Allen, and Conrad Nystrom received their awards, I did find out I am missing a recipient. Thanks to Byron Ophus, I was reminded that I was missing his mother, L.Ophus. Lynn taught at Northern from 1966-1988 and holds the current title of “Instructor Emerita, Health and Physical Education.” Lynn Ophus received her Golden “N” in May of 1989.



Thank you Byron! Here is a picture from the 1983 Northerner from left to right (Lynn Ophus, David Greenwood, Tom Nielson, Mavis Filler). Here is an updated list!

Year	Recipient
2019	Boles, Tammy Spangler, Chad Kegel, Sherry Henderson, Jenn
2018	Mouat, Chris Byron, Ophus Schlotfeldt, Loren Osterman, Linda
2017	Taylor, Will Welch, Tom Hofman, Jeremy
2016	Peterson, Kristi Leeds, Liz
2015	Johnson, Kevin Kegel, Greg
2014	Schwartz, Bill Samson, Mark Zuck, Barbara
2013	Boysun, Wane Nicholson, Becky
2012	Danley, William Huse, Shawn
2011	Hamilton, Marianne Wilson, Pamela
2010	Callahan, Joe Skornogoski, Brenda Conatser, Pam
2009	Lawson, Gary Donaldson, John Culp, Alan

Magelssen, Trygve
2008 Bricker, Darlene
Dolezal, Stacey
Griffith, Sarah
2007 Soiseth, Joel
Reynolds, Gail
2006 Munson, Terry
Clark, Betty
2005 Milligan, Krista
Anderson, Suzie
2004 Don, Steven
Albrecht, Shauna
2003 Bordeur, Joel
Meilke, Kevin
2002 Wilke, Lanny
Day, Sharon
2001 Ray, David
Caven, Sharon
2000 Degele, Jason
Hanson, Larry
1999 Hoines, Linda
Foxman, Marty
Rao, Mike
1998 Spatkowski, Ted
Jamruszka, Steve
1997 Worstell, Cameron
Swan, Sue
1996 Christeck, Robert
Brewer, Denise
1995 McKinney, Wanda
1994 Overcast, Louis
Nessler, Scott
Shellenberger, William
1993 Garrahan, Marilyn
Filler, Mavis
1992 Lanier, Bill
1989 Ophus, Lynn
1988 Bogacz, Jack
1987 Bryson, Cynthia
1981 Lisenby, Bill
1975 Crowley, Joe (4th person ever)
1970 Craig, Dr. George
1967 Aronson, J Hugo

If you have an idea for a TidBit or an Alumn that should be highlighted, please let me know at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com



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