

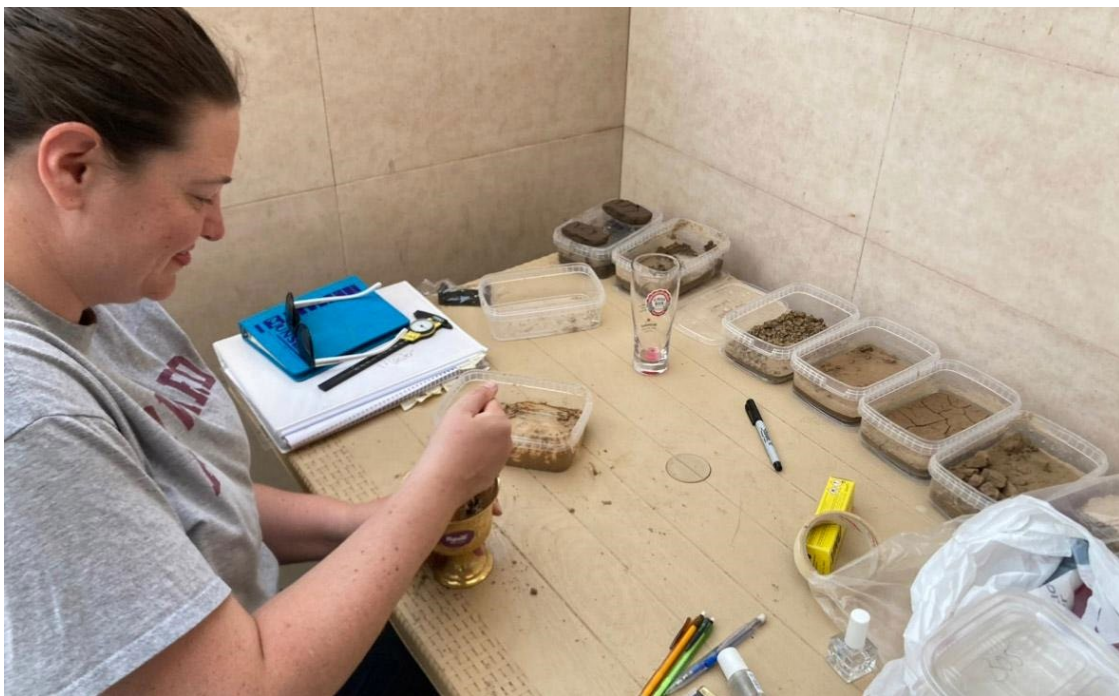


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## Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - April 5, 2024

### **Dr. Kaercher Awarded Grant to Advance Clay Sourcing Research in Iraqi Kurdistan**



MSU-Northern's Assistant Professor of Biology and General Science, Dr. Kyra Kaercher, has been awarded a grant to spearhead a groundbreaking project focused on gathering and studying clay samples across the Erbil Plain in Iraqi Kurdistan. The grant, valued at \$6000, marks the inception of a new endeavor aimed at revolutionizing the understanding of ceramics production and distribution in the region.

This project, the first of its kind, aims to address a significant gap in existing research methodologies. While previous studies have utilized geological maps and chemical testing of ceramics to identify manufacturing locations, these

methods have proven insufficiently precise. Kyra Kaercher's pioneering initiative seeks to overcome this challenge by conducting comprehensive sampling of clay sources across the Erbil Plain.

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## Student Spotlight: ShaAnn Danelson



In the heart of Montana's vast landscape, where the plains meet the mountains, nestled in the northeastern corner of the state, lies the town of Scobey. It's a place where the community is tight-knit, where everyone knows everyone, and where a young woman named ShaAnn Danelson found her roots.

ShaAnn's journey took her to Montana State University-Northern. Her decision to join the Skylights basketball team four years ago was not solely based on athletics. It was the allure of a close-knit community and the promise of smaller class sizes that drew her in.

Coming from a Division 2 school, ShaAnn craved the personal touch that Northern offered, where professors weren't just names on a syllabus but mentors who genuinely cared about their students. ShaAnn pursued dual degrees in business and health promotions. But her story at Northern was not just about academics; it was about finding a home away from home.

As ShaAnn reflected on her time at Northern, it was the sense of belonging and support that stood out the most. The camaraderie within the basketball program and the warmth of the local community made her feel valued and embraced. In a town where even a trip to the grocery store meant running into familiar faces, ShaAnn found solace in the bonds she formed.

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## MSU-Northern Students Win Gold at SkillsUSA Competition



Last week, March 24-27, the 2024 Montana SkillsUSA State conference was held at Helena College. Several of MSU-Northern's students competed. Hunter Velk took Gold in Diesel and Sterling Sheldon took Gold in Automotive. Jordan Ketchem is in competition this weekend for welding.

The purpose of the Skills USA competition is to promote excellence in technical education and prepare students for successful careers in their respective fields. It brings together talented individuals from various technical disciplines to showcase their skills and compete for recognition. The competition aims to provide a platform for participants to demonstrate their abilities, gain practical experience, and foster a spirit of competition and camaraderie among students pursuing technical careers.

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## Winner of the Beast Burger Challenge Announced



Murphy's Pub was declared the winner of the Beast Burger Challenge. The winners of the Capture the Beast Scavenger Hunt delivered the trophy and got a chance to try the winning beast burger for themselves.

## Rodeo Team Hosts Extreme Bares and Broncs



Last weekend (March 29, 30), the MSU-Northern rodeo team hosted the PRCA Extreme Bares & Broncs Challenge in the Bigger Better Barn to a packed house of about 800 people each night. This event was aired on national TV through the Cowboy Channel. They had some of the top 20 bareback & saddle bronc riders in the world participate in the event. It created an exciting event for the entire family. This was the 5th year the rodeo team has hosted this event.

## MSU-Northern Athletes Celebrate Their Season

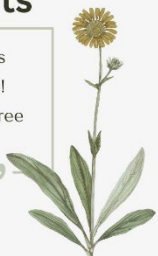


On Wednesday (April 3), the Northern Athletic Department hosted their annual Northern Athletics Banquet. This event was an opportunity to honor each of our student athletic teams and their various individual achievements. Seniors from each athletic team received the gift of a watch to recognize their contributions to their teams over the years, and the outstanding athletes from each team were named. The official presentation for the outstanding athletes of the year will occur during tonight's Spring Fling and will be listed in next week's NNN.

## MSU-Northern Celebrates National Poetry Month...

### 30 Days of Prompts

“Write with us in April 2024! Follow us for free prompts.”



Dr. Gwen Hart is hosting "30 Days of Prompts" this month for National Poetry Month through Bear Paw Arts Journal. The prompts are based on the pieces of poetry, flash fiction, and micro memoir published in the first issue of the journal.

Writers and teachers can access the prompts for free on the Bear Paw Arts Journal Facebook page. Just search "Bear Paw Arts Journal" on Facebook. Each day, there is a short video that explains that day's

prompt. Links to the pieces that inspired the prompts are available in each Facebook post. The submission period for Bear Paw Arts Journal opens May 1st. People can submit their best work for consideration for the next issue.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **FALL 2024 Class Registration**

Monday, April 8 - students new to MSUN can register

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### **Nomination for the 2024 Student Excellence Awards are now being accepted!**

For over 40 years, staff and faculty have taken time to recognize the achievements of students who have exemplified a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement and significant engagement with MSU-Northern and the greater community.

Any member of the Northern community can nominate a student they believe exemplifies excellence. To nominate a student, please submit the nomination form by 8AM on Monday April 5th. Electronic submissions are preferred and may be sent to me at [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu). If you prefer to submit a hard copy, they can be delivered to the Student Wellness Center in the SUB (right off of the ballroom).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Spring Fling – April 5**

Join the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) for the 19th annual Spring Fling dinner and auction. All the items are donated to the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF). After an amazing dinner the NLASF presents awards of excellence to the student athletes of Montana State University-Northern. The evening is filled with games and fun and is a wonderful way to support the Student-Athletes that are on-hand to help throughout the evening. The Spring Fling is located in the MSU-Northern Gym. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cost for a table for 8: \$800, All-inclusive Drink Table for 8: \$1,100, General Seating Single: \$75, General Seating Couple: \$150. Tickets can be purchased through the NLASF Website.

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## All N Day Activities – April 10

(SUB Parking Lot Closed)

- 9am - 12noon, ACADEMIC ADVISING (register for Summer & Fall classes), SUB BALLROOM
- 12noon-2pm, MSUN RODEO TEAM DEMONSTRATION, SUB LAWN
  - Women's Rodeo team is ranked #1 in the nation
  - Men's Rodeo team is ranked #1 in the region
- 2pm - 4pm, ASMSUN IOC MSUN STUDENT CARNIVAL, SUB BALLROOM
- 4pm, ASMSUN IOC HOT DOG EATING CONTEST
  - (limited to 15 students, sign up at the SUB front desk), SUB LAWN
- 4pm, MSUN CAR SHOW Check-In & Registration, SUB Entrance
- 5pm - 7pm, MSUN THROUGH THE DECADES CAR SHOW, SUB PARKING LOT
- 4pm - 6pm, Indian Tacos & Drink (\$13.95 w/o a meal plan), SUB Food Court

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## Read with Us! Poetry at the Library – April 18

By Sarah Velk – Director of Vande Bogard Library

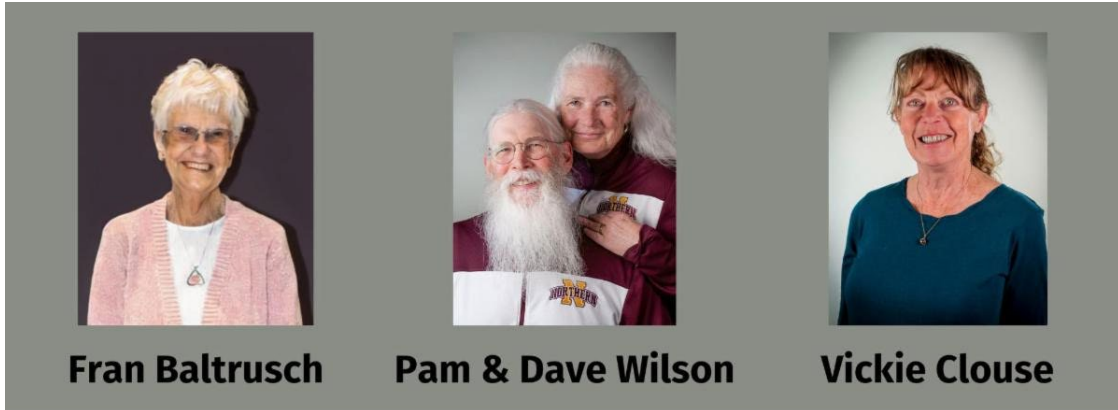
Happy National Poetry Month! In honor of this occasion, I'd like to invite you to the library's poetry reading event on April 18, details below. Please consider joining us and sharing this with students or anyone you know who might be interested. Huge thanks to Associate Professor of English, Valerie Guyant and Assistant Professor of English, Gwen Hart for agreeing to read with us.

Also, if you enjoy poetry don't miss the Voices of the Hi-Line International Poetry Reading on April 24! There's still time to get involved so contact Valerie for more details at [valerie.guyant@msun.edu](mailto:valerie.guyant@msun.edu).

Come to the campus library at 2PM on April 18 to celebrate National Poetry Month with us by reading some of your original poetry or works from a favorite poet. All are welcome to participate. Not sure what to read? Check out a display of poetry from the library's collection and get inspired by this impactful literary art form or ask a friendly librarian for help. Enjoy readings by fellow campus community members and local poets including Drs. Gwen Hart and Valerie Guyant.

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## **MSU-NORTHERN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2024 FOUNDERS' EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS - Apr. 26**



**Fran Baltrusch**

**Pam & Dave Wilson**

**Vickie Clouse**

The MSU-Northern Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the esteemed 2024 Founders' Excellence Awards. This year, the Foundation honors Fran Baltrusch, Pam and Dave Wilson, and bestows a posthumous award on Vickie Clouse for each of these individual's outstanding contributions to both Montana State University-Northern and the broader community.

The public is invited to attend the award celebration on April 26th, which will take place at the MSUN Student Union Building. The evening will commence with a cocktail hour at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, and attendees are kindly requested to RSVP by April 19th to secure their spot.

For those wishing to join in celebrating the 2024 Founders' Excellence Award recipients, please reserve your seat by calling the MSU-Northern Foundation at (406) 265-3711 or sending an email to [alumni@msun.edu](mailto:alumni@msun.edu).

[More Info...](#)

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## **Voices of the Hi-Line, International Poetry Reading - Apr 24**

Campus and community members are invited to celebrate a love of poetry and languages at the International Poetry Reading, "Voices of the Hi-Line," on the evening of April 24th, at 7.00 pm in the Cowan Hall Theatre. Co-organizers Valerie Guyant, associate professor of English and Gwen Hart, assistant professor of English, invite members of the community, students, faculty, and staff to celebrate our collective linguistic and cultural diversity in the form of a poem, song, or chant. All pieces will be read/performed in any language other



than standard modern English. Ancient languages, modern languages, and fictional languages are all encouraged.

If you are interested in performing, please email [valerie.guyant@msun.edu](mailto:valerie.guyant@msun.edu). Kindly include the name of the poem (if you already know it) and the language you will be using.

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## CALENDAR

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### **Friday, April 05**

- Spring Fling - 5:30 PM

### **Monday, April 8**

- Registration for Fall Semester 2024 - New Students 8:00 AM

### **Tuesday, April 9**

- Hoedown Throwdown Night - Dance & Bull riding, 6:30pm, DTC

### **Wednesday, April 10**

- All "N" Day – **See detailed schedule above** (No Classes, Offices OPEN)
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

### **Thursday, April 11**

- MSUN Rodeo @ MSU

### **Friday, April 12**

- MSUN Rodeo @ MSU
- Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 100% Due
- 46th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow - 6:00 PM

### **Saturday, April 13**

- MSUN Rodeo @ MSU
  - SHOTS & BRATS w/ Chi Alpha, 11:30am, SUB & carpool
  - 46th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow - 1:00 PM
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# TidBit

By: William Lanier

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## **Joan Jett and the Blackhearts**

Going back 39 years ago this week (April 2, 1985) Joan Jett and the Blackhearts performed on the NMC campus at the Armory Gymnasium. In the Fall of 1984, Central Board (Student Senate) and the Student Activities Board started planning for a concert that would bring in a well-known act. It was reported by several that the final two groups considered were Joan Jett and the Blackhearts and Huey Lewis and the News. As we all know, Joan Jett was selected.

This was in the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985, NoMoCo.

## **Joan Jett and the Blackhearts Concert tomorrow night**

Tickets are still available for the Joan Jett and the Blackhearts concert, Tuesday, April 2. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Life Desk, Listen Inn, Northern Electronics and Rickey's Rekerds.

The concert will start off with "Rail" and rock into the sound of Joan Jett and The Blackhearts. The NMC concert is a part of their first U.S. tour in over a year.

Their latest album, GLORIOUS RESULTS OF A MISSPENT YOUTH,

represents a growth of their talent but retains the sound that the Blackhearts are known for.

The concert is being sponsored by the Student Activities Board with the backing of the ASNMC Central Board.

Ticket prices are \$9 for students, \$11 for general admission and \$13 at the door. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

It should be noted that alcoholic beverages are not permitted and will be confiscated at the door.

1985 Northerner (College Yearbook) Editor Tammie Pursley had the opportunity to interview Joan Jett and her band and here is her article that appeared in the 1985 Northerner.

*"Joan Jett and the Blackhearts rocked and tolled the Armory Gym on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1985. Rail (shown on the opposite page) performed before Joan Jett and her band. The crowd was excited and ready to get down and boogie. And that they did clapping their hands, stomping their feet, and moving to every tune played.*

*In an interview before the concert, Joan and her ban gave the interviewers a little insight into their lives.*

*Joan was born in Phily and lived in Baltimore for a while. When she was around 12 or 13, she wanted a guitar. Her parents gave her one and after two lessons she grew tired of folk music. She started working or playing rock and*

*roll music instead. She then headed on to California and ended up working with the Run-A-Ways, the Sex Pistols, and other bands, including her current one.*

*The Blackhearts consist of Gary, Lee, and Ricky. Gary at one time lived in Glasgow, Montana. He plays bass and met up with Joan in Hollywood in 1980. Lee is the drummer and met up with Joan in August of 1980. He has worked with such groups as People and New York Dolls. Ricky joined in 1981 and is a “seasoned” guitar player.*

*Joan said that the past musicians that had influence her were British Glitter, Chuck Barry, and the Rolling Stones.*

*After leaving Havre, they were headed to Texas, Europe, and Japan.”*

Here is a picture from the April 18, 1985, NoMoCo.



And one from the 1985 Northerner.



The April 18, 1985, NoMoCo reported that around 1,500 students and community members attended the concert.

What concerts do you remember attending on the Northern campus?  
What is your favorite concert that you attended on the Northern campus?

For those who do not know the music of Joan Jett, here is one of her songs.



If you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com) .

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