

Last NNN Until 2013

This is the last issue before the Holiday break. The next NNN will be sent out on January 11, 2013.

From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

Trish and I send our warmest wishes to each of you for a joyous holiday season. We also congratulate our students who will be completing this month the coursework for their respective degrees. We hope that each of you will find success and fulfillment in your life beyond MSUN.

Orchestra Concert



MSU-Northern's Community Orchestra, conducted by Rhonda Minnick, performed their first concert as an official ensemble this Tuesday. The concert paid tribute to the great works of the Beatles, Duke Ellington, James Bond, The West, and Beethoven. The concert was lovely, and enjoyed by many attendees. Look forward to hearing MSU-Northern's Community Orchestra perform the music for MAT's upcoming musical, Annie.

Christmas Tree Lighting -Today at Noon

The annual lighting of Northern's entryway Christmas tree will take place today at noon in the Cowan

Hall main entryway. The short festive event will include a brief address by Chancellor Limbaugh as well as refreshments for attendees.

The Northern Family Enjoy a Holiday Feast



Last night the MSU-Northern Food Court was bursting at the seams with fun and food. The faculty and staff came together with their families to enjoy a Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings. Santa was on hand to talk with the kids.

New Director of Student Life- Stuart Sparvier

MSU-Northern is pleased to welcome Stuart Sparvier into the Northern family as the new Director of Student Life. Sparvier studied at the University of Nebraska in Kearney where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He went on to pursue his Masters of Science in Counseling and Student Personnel Services from Oklahoma State University.

As the Director of Student Life, Sparvier's title requires that he develop and manage a quality program of student life and student development. His responsibilities include:

- Oversight of residence halls, student union, student conduct, and identification cards.
- Oversight of the Director of Student Health and the Director of Student Activities.
- Oversight of the custodial staff for the SUB and residence halls.

Sparvier began his employment with Northern this Monday. His office is in the SUB behind the Info Desk. Stop by and say hello, or if you happen to see Stuart Sparvier around campus, welcome him to Havre and Northern!

New Nursing Instructor at Northern's Lewistown Campus

Shelley Granger has accepted the Instructor of Nursing position at Northern's campus in Lewistown. Granger started working this week. We all welcome Shelley Granger to Northern.

Education Department Exit Ceremony

Tuesday night Northern's current student-teachers, from the outstanding education program, had their exit interviews, presentations, and ceremony. The exit ceremony afforded the students a chance to share their successes and struggles throughout their teaching experiences. The ceremony also allowed a panel to ask questions and gain insight on how effective the student teaching experiences were in meeting the standards and goals of the program. Congratulations, student-teachers! We are

proud of your dedication and perseverance through the exciting and trying experience of student teaching.

Final Exam Schedule

If class is on M W F at:

8:00 - 8:50
9:00 - 9:50
10:00 - 10:50
11:00 - 11:50
12:00 - 12:50
1:00 - 1:50
2:00 - 2:50
3:00 - 3:50
4:00 - 4:50

Final is:

Wednesday 8:00 - 9:50
Thursday 8:00 - 9:50
Monday 10:00 - 11:50
Tuesday 10:00 - 11:50
Wednesday 10:00 - 11:50
Thursday 10:00 - 11:50
Monday 1:00 - 2:50
Tuesday 1:00 - 2:50
Wednesday 1:00 - 2:50

If class is on T Th at:

8:00 or 9:00
10:00 or 11:00
12:00 or 1:00
2:00 or 3:00
4:00 or 5:00

Final is:

Monday 3:00 - 4:50
Tuesday 3:00 - 4:50
Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50
Monday 8:00 - 9:50
Tuesday 8:00 - 9:50

Evening classes meet during their normal class time.

Energy and the Hi-Line



MSU-Northern, Bear Paw Development and the Havre Chamber teamed up to sponsor the first in a series of occasional lectures called Energy & the Hi-Line: Options, Challenges, and Opportunities. This first lecture focused on the geology of the Hi-Line and its social economic impact. Jay

Gunderson, a geologist from Montana Tech, Leslie Messer, the Executive Director of Richland County Development, Tony Preite, MSU-Northern's Director of University Outreach and Economic Development and the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Coordinator and Greg Kegel, MSU-Northern's Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, all made presentations as part of the morning presentation.

Point of Pride

Sandi Bitterman is a dual major in Elementary Education and English, 5-12 with a minor in Reading, K-12 at MSU-Northern. She received a 194 on the Praxis II Elementary Education Content Knowledge exam. ETS has awarded her Exceptional status which is given only to the top 10% of test takers across the nation. Congratulations Sandi, you make Northern proud.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY



The Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present a delightful play inspired by the classic American film, *It's a Wonderful Life*. This fun to watch live radio play is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience which gets to participate.. Seven actors perform the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produce the sound effects. If you are looking for something to do this holiday season, this is it. Shows are December 7-8, 13-15, and 20-22 at 8:00 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on December 16 and 23. Doors and lounge open one half hour before show time. Tickets are: Adults \$15, Students/Senior \$10, and MSUN students are free with current ID.

Scholarship Applications

2013-2014 scholarship applications are now available! Students can apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo:

https://atlas.montana.edu:9002/pls/hvagent/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage

or they can complete a paper version of the form at:

http://msun.edu/finaid/scholarships/ScholarshipApplication_1314.pdf

Students, please apply online and try and stay as "green" as possible.

We also have some scholarships that require additional applications. You can find these applications at: <http://msun.edu/finaid/scholarships/index.aspx>

or posted in the Financial Aid Office (Cowan Hall Room 213).

The deadline for the applications is January 28th, 2013.

Retirement Party for Sue Ost

Northern will be hosting a retirement party for Sue Ost on Friday, December 14, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Cowan Hall. Please join us in celebrating Sue's tremendous dedication of 31 years to NMC/MSU-Northern.

Message from the Northern Foundation

The end of the year is approaching and if Congress fails to enact new tax legislation, there will be many changes that impact your planning starting in January. For more information you may click here to download a document that summarizes potential tax changes in 2013. Because these changes may impact your future plans, we recommend that you take this opportunity to talk with your tax and estate planning advisor. If you decide to update your plan, please contact us. We have a number of free resources available that may help you with your planning including the online Wills Planner and downloadable Wills Guide available at (www.msungift.org). Please also let us know how we can be of assistance to you in your end of year or future planning. Thank you again for your support which helps us continue our work.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

FINALS WEEK is finally HERE! The Vande Bogart Library will be open from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8 for your studying pleasure! Also, the library will be open until 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 through Thursday, December 13. Computers, tables, study rooms and individual study carrels are all available for your use.

Are you still working on that final project or research paper? Do you need a few more articles? One quick tip when using the article databases is to limit your search to "Full-Text." Click this check box and you will only retrieve articles that can be read immediately. This can be a big time-saver when looking for those few last minute articles.

Are you having problems locating resources? Stop by or call the library staff. We will do our best to help you with your research. Good luck with your finals and Happy Holidays!!!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 Tip

Quickly highlight matching values in Excel with keyboard shortcut

There are a number of ways to find matching data in an Excel sheet. Filters are probably the most versatile. Sorting is probably easier than filtering, but even that's unnecessary if all you want to do is review matching values. Excel offers a keyboard shortcut trick that's quick and easy to remember.

1. Click in a cell that contains the value you want to find
2. Press **Ctrl Space** to select the column
3. Press **Ctrl Shift **

The key combo in step 3 selects all the cells in the column that do not match the value in the active cell. So the value you're looking for will be all the cells that are not highlighted. It's a bit counter-intuitive, but it gets the job done.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Since this is the last NNN for 2012, let's take a walk down memory road. But first, let us view what the big news was 100 years ago in 1912:

- In February of 1912, Arizona became the 48th state, the last contiguous state.
- On March 1, 1912, U.S. Army Captain Albert Berry made the first leap with a parachute from a flying mechanism.

- Also in March of 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in Georgia.
- In April the RMS Titanic sinks claiming 1517 lives.
- In October, Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs' character, first appears in Tarzan of the Apes in magazine The All-Story

2012:

- Whitney Houston passed away at age 48 in February.
- Crazy, masked gunman kills 14 at the Denver, CO premiere.
- London Olympic Games take place the end of July until August.
- Obama is reelected for another term.
- The end of the world is rumored to occur on December 21, 2012.

It's so interesting to see the things the world was discovering and doing 100 years ago in comparison to the big news of today. I wonder if 2012 will be remembered by any of these facts in 100 years. I hope you've had a great 2012! Look forward to 2013, and don't forget to take on a New Year's resolution.

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