

This Week on Campus

NorthPoint Auction/Bingo



The MSU-Northern campus adopted the NorthPoint Card Rewards Program in the fall of 2012. NorthPoint is a program developed to connect MSU-Northern students to Northern's extracurricular events and activities.

This week nearly 500 students who earned points this semester had the opportunity to "cash in" their points for a plethora of prizes. There was a silent auction, a live auction, and bingo games played for prizes. Many satisfied students left the SUB that night with arms full of prizes they earned and won.

Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical Opens Tonight



Montana Actors' Theatre presents "Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical" which is the sequel to last year's very popular production of the "Great American Trailer Park Musical." The show features most of the original cast and a live band.

The setting of the story is a trailer park called Armadillo Acres in Florida. The plot contains a bit of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" themes, but portrays them in a more modern way. The show's website describes it this way:

"Holiday time at North Florida's Armadillo Acres means everyone's filled with warmth and beer. But when a freak bout of amnesia strikes the trailer park Scrooge, neighborly love is put to the test. With Betty, Lin and Pickles on hand to amp up the fracas and festivity, this all-new, all-trailer-park musical is just as much of a cat-fightin', sun-worshippin', chair-throwin' good time as the original - but with tinsel and Keg Nog."

"I would describe it as trashy and fun," said director Pam Veis. The show contains offensive language and is not for children.

The show opens this weekend December 5 and 6. and runs for two weekends after that - December 11 to 13, December 18 to 20 - and the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas, December 22 and 23. Doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors, and MSU-N students are admitted free of charge with their current Northern I.D.s.

Library Staff Show off their Ugly Christmas Sweaters



The Vande Bogart Library staff held an end of the year party for their staff and student workers. They held a fun and festive ugly Christmas sweater competition. Kent Nelson won, and he received his quirky award for the ugliest Christmas Sweatshirt. Everyone had a fun time voting on the sweaters and just celebrating the end of another great year together. To learn more about National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day check out: <http://www.nationaluglychristmassweaterday.org/>

Vande Bogart Library Christmas Gifts



Are you looking for a gift for someone in your family or just a stocking stuffer to fill that stocking with a little more Christmas cheer? Well have no fear; the library has got you covered! The Vande Bogart Library has coffee mugs and gift cards for sale at the Coffee Cart. You might just find the perfect gift you're looking for.

Campus Holiday Dinner



Yesterday, MSU-Northern hosted its holiday Dinner. We served turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, dinner rolls and assorted pies (caramel apple, pecan and pumpkin). Everyone was encouraged to come and enjoy the festive meal together and to donate a pair of socks, mittens or a beanie for the needy. There was also cookie decorating and crafts for the children. A lovely time was had by all who attended the holiday feast.

SSS Provides Cookies for Students



The crew of Cowan 211 welcomed all with a table filled with cookies and drinks to celebrate the semester end. Look for another open house the first week of Spring Semester.

Announcements

Finals Schedule

The 2014 Fall Finals Schedule is available [here](#).

Spring Fees Assessed on December 9

Your Spring 2015 Fees will be assessed on December 9, 2014.

Please remember to check your student email accounts or MyInfo for your Spring Bill, Important Dates & for directions to confirm your attendance for the upcoming term.
Questions? Stop in and see us - or - Call us at 406-265-3733

Upcoming Events

Northern Christmas Tree Lighting - Today

Today Northern will host its annual Christmas tree lighting at 4:00 p.m. in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. Please join us for some Christmas joy and treats. It's rumored that there will even be oatmeal raisin cookies!

Cowboy Christmas - Dec. 6

Plan to attend the MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and Team annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction on Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. This event is the Rodeo Team's primary fund raiser of the year and all benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships.

For more information contact Doug Kallenberger at 262-2422 or email him at dkallenberger@stockmanbank.com Come for a great time and help support MSUN rodeo!



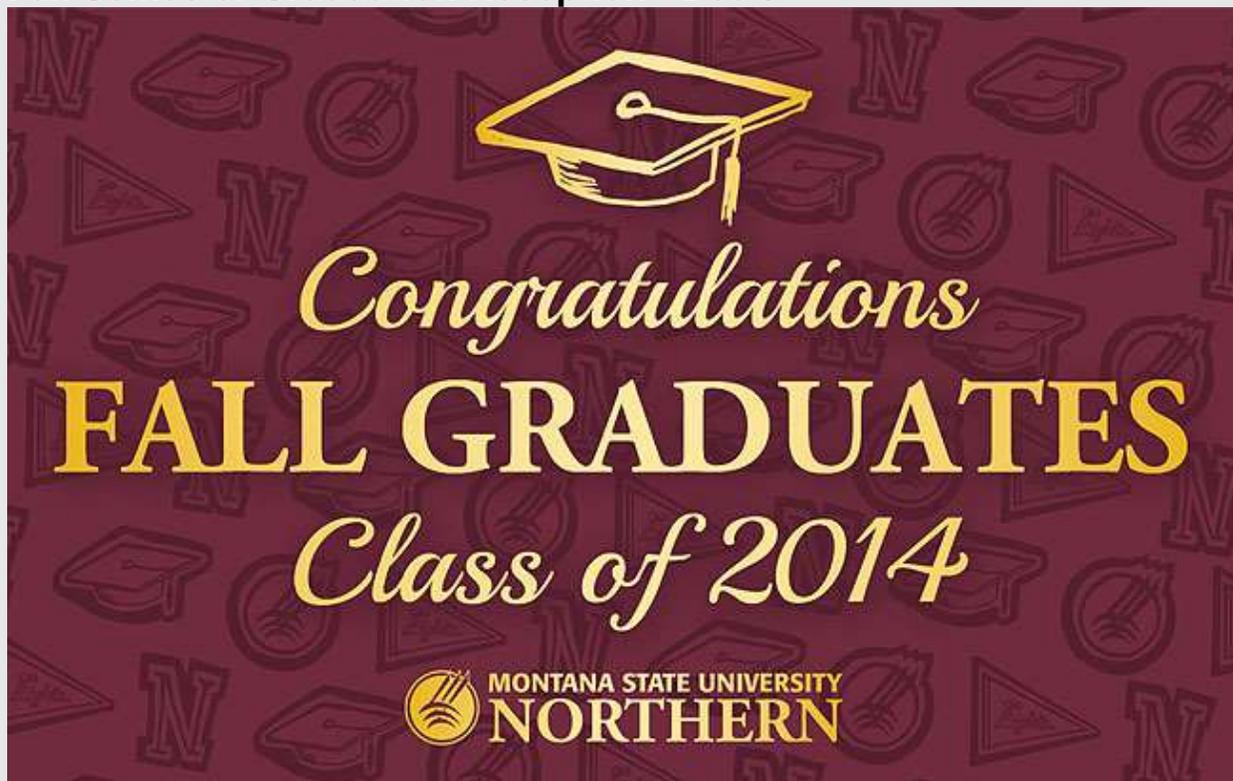
Piano and Pipes Concert - Dec. 7

Get in the holiday spirit with a dose of holiday music this Sunday, December the 7th at 2 p.m. It is the annual Pianos and Pipes concert featuring the MSUN Community Choir along with other local musicians. The concert will be in First Lutheran Church, 303 6th Avenue in Havre. The concert admission is free but you are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Havre Food Bank. Come see what musical talent thrives along the Hi-Line!

MSU-Northern Community Choir Concert - Dec. 9

And if you cannot get enough of the MSUN community choir, there will be a free concert on Tuesday evening, December the 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School auditorium. Come enjoy the music!

Fall Semester Graduation Reception - Dec 9



Please join us as we honor the Fall 2014 graduates of Montana State University-Northern on Tuesday, December 9th at 5:00 PM in the SUB Ballroom. A brief ceremony will be followed by a reception for graduates and their families.

Tryouts for Grease - Dec. 8 & 9

Auditions for Grease will be held December 8 and 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSUN/MAT Theatre. No experience necessary. All adults (18-88) are encouraged to audition. Please come prepared to sing a verse or two of any song you choose. You will be expected to learn some choreography at auditions. Shows are the last week of Feb and first two weeks of March; rehearsal schedules will be given out at the auditions. For more information, please contact Donald at 945-4144 or Rachel at 399-3992.

Terry Blosser's Retirement Reception - Dec. 10

This semester marks the end of Terry Blosser's career here at MSU-Northern. It's hard to believe it has been over 13 years. Where has the time flown?

On Wednesday, December the 10th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 113 Cowan Hall, please join us as we celebrate the contributions Terry Blosser has made to educating students here at MSU-Northern.

There will be cookies, coffee, hot cider and chances to win prizes from Terry Blosser's collections! Please join us!

Lunch with Santa - Dec 13



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December 13 ~ 12:00 - 1:00
Holiday Village Mall

Kids Free - Adults \$2

Parents are asked to stay with children.

Each child will receive one free photo with Santa.
Additional prints available for a fee.

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Chamber Ambassadors are helping the Havre Food Bank with a food drive. Your non-perishable food donation, brought to Lunch with Santa would be very much appreciated.

Hosted by the Havre Chamber Ambassadors

Weekly Articles

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Though the football season is over, there are a few more records I would like to highlight. The first person I'd like to recognize is Zach McKinley. McKinley broke a multitude of records this year, including but not limited to the following; rushing yards in a season with 1,425 (old record 1105), rushing average per game with 129.5 (old record 110.5), number of 100 yard rushing games in a season with 8 (old record 6) and number of 100 yard rushing games in a career with 12 (old record 9). All of these records were held by former Light great Stephen Silva, (Kyle Samson also held the old record of 100 yard rushing games in a season with Silva) Trevor Baum also had an awesome season breaking Northern Hall of Famer Andy Smith's record of receptions in a season with 85 (old record 67) and receiving yardage in a season with 1,323 (old record 1,087). Great job Trevor Baum and Zach McKinley!

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 8 Tips

Back to basics: Navigation part 3

If there's an application you use all the time, you don't have to always access it via the search system. You can pin it to the Start screen and it'll be available at a click.

Start by typing part of the name of your application. For example, to access the Control Panel, type **Control**. Then right-click the **Control Panel** tile on the **Apps Search** screen, and click **Pin to Start**.

Now press the **Windows** key, scroll to the right and you'll see the **Control Panel** tile at the far end. You can simply drag and drop this tile elsewhere if you'd like it even more easily accessible.

To shut Windows 8 down, just move the mouse cursor to the bottom right corner of the screen, click the **Settings** icon, or hold down the **Windows** key and press **I**, and you'll see a power button. Click this and choose **Shut Down** or **Restart**.

In Windows 8.1, you can press **Windows X**, click **Shut down or sign out** and then select the option you need.

Of course, some of the tricks available in previous versions of Windows still apply. Press **Ctrl Alt Del** and you'll be presented with the usual **Lock, Switch user, Sign out, Change a password** and **Task manager** options and the power button in the lower right.

And if you're on the desktop, you can press **Alt F4** and you'll be able to choose the same **Shut Down, Restart, Sign Out** or **Switch User** options.

Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

Beginning a Sentence with a Coordinating Conjunction

Throughout my elementary education and into my middle school years, my teachers taught me never to begin a sentence with "and," or "but." I've stuck to that advice for years and years. While editing an essay for my Kuwaiti neighbor, I began to question this hard fast rule I've followed.

Merriam- Webster defines a coordinating conjunction as: a conjunction (as, and, or or) that joins together words or word groups of equal grammatical rank. After reading up on this topic, I found that many schoolteachers in the 19th century taught students not to begin sentences with coordinating conjunctions.

This trend may have begun due to young students' overuse of "and" and "but" at the beginning of sentences. Though the 19th century was long ago, the idea must have stuck and carried on with teachers for generations to come.

Currently coordinating conjunctions are generally accepted at the beginning of sentences as long as one doesn't create a fragment using this technique. You must continue to write complete sentences. Mignon Fogarty from "Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips" offers the mnemonic "fanboys" to remember coordinating conjunctions; "for," "and," "nor," "but," "or," "yet," and "so." So if you find yourself using one of these words at the beginning of a sentence, don't fret. The teachers of the 19th century can't impose their rules on you anymore. Just be sure to keep your sentences complete.

You can read Mignon Fogarty's article for more

information: <http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/education/grammar/can-i-start-a-sentence-with-a-conjunction>