

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Past Week*

## MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet-N-Greet



Last weekend the MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers held its 2nd Annual Meet-N-Greet. This year's guest speaker was John Paterson from the National Cattleman's Beef Association. There was a variety of live and silent auction items available to raise money for the North Central Stockgrowers and the Collegiate Stockgrowers. The MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers wish to thank the following sponsors: CHS, Big Sky, Independence Bank, Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, Montana Livestock Ag Credit Services, Stockman Bank, Bear Paw Meats, and Fiveheads.

## Rare American Flags on Display



Last Friday, the Louis and Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Montana Plains Indian and the Northern Alumni Foundation hosted a brief reception to present the three flags that recently returned from being conserved by Teresa Knutson at Rocky Mountain Textile Conservation. The presentation/reception was for the Lions Club and Toni Hagener, who provided the funds to conserve the flags. Jim Bennett gave a brief speech. The 39 Star Flag and the 42 Star Flag will be on display in in the library through the end of the semester. The 46 Star Flag is too large to fit in any of the cabinets so it will not be displayed at this time. Here is some information about the flags:

**39 Star Flag** -This was never an official flag. Flag manufacturers produced the 39 Star Flag believing that the Dakota Territory would be admitted to the union as one state, not two. Four states were admitted in 1889: North Dakota and South Dakota (November 2), Montana (November 8), and Washington (November 11). This flag was probably made in the fall of 1889.

**42 Star Medallion Halo Pattern Flag** - This rare flag was not an official flag. 42 Star flags were only produced for a short period from November 1889-June 1890 after North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington were admitted to the union and before Idaho (July 3, 1890) was added.

**46 Star Flag** - Oklahoma is the 46th state, admitted to the union on November 16, 1907. This was the official flag from July 4, 1908 to July 3, 1912.

## Civil Engineering Technology Club Receives Check from IEEE



Last week MSUN's Civil Engineering Technology Club (CET) received a check from the former Northern engineering club IEEE. The CET club extends their heartfelt thanks to IEEE for donating some of their club's hard-earned money. The IEEE founder, Spike Magelssen, and club advisor, Larry Strizich, attended the CET meeting to present the check. CET thanks the past leadership of the MSUN IEEE club who worked to pass the torch to the current engineering students of Northern. Matt Bolland, Andrew Swallows, Adam Wabeke, Jason Cech, Matt Bliwernitz, Tyson Bliwernitz, and Damon Picos are only a few of the folks who were members and leaders of the group, but these members were influential concerning this particular donation. The CET club plans on hosting community dinners and purchasing civil engineering promotional items with the donated funds.

## MSUN Community Orchestra Receives Grant for New Keyboard



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra recently received a grant through the Hill County Community Foundation in conjunction with the Montana Community Foundation for the purchase of a new keyboard. This grant will fund the purchase of a keyboard for the orchestra to continue to perform in musical productions for Montana Actors' Theatre, Havre High School, and the Havre community. Last weekend the group was the pit orchestra for the high school's production of *Hairspray*. They will begin rehearsal for *Mary Poppins* in January. Contact Jim Potter 265-3727 if you would like to join the orchestra.

The Montana State University-Northern Community Orchestra has been contributing to the artistic and cultural life of the Hi-Line region since 2008, when a group of local musicians formed the pit orchestra for the Montana Actors' Theatre production of *Man of La Mancha*. Since then, they or their members have played for the following shows: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cinderella*, *Annie*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Chicago*, *Sympathy*

*Jones, The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical, Grease, Damn Yankees, Everyone Loves Zombies (Except Ashley), and Hairspray.*

## **CG Ag Consulting Teaches Northern Ag. Tech. Students**



Chuck Gatzemeier and Randi Sunford (MSU-N graduate) with CG Ag Consulting visited MSU-Northern on Wednesday and presented valuable information to about 24 agriculture students during an afternoon session. CG Ag Consulting is one of Montana's top independent agriculture consulting businesses and has several MSU-Northern graduates as employees. CG Ag has also provided several Northern agricultural students with summer internships. Chuck and Randi discussed how students can become certified crop consultants and demonstrated how their business uses satellite imagery to assist farmers in utilizing variable rate technologies for improving crop quality and yield.

## **Chi Alpha Operation Christmas Child Donations**



Every year the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) organization sends millions of boxes around the world to remote and impoverished areas in order to spread Christmas cheer and the story of Christmas with disadvantaged children. Most of the kids who receive a shoebox gift sent from the U.S. have never seen anything like the presents they uncover in their boxes. This year, as in years past, MSUN's Chi Alpha club rallied together to pack shoeboxes for OCC. The group put together around ten boxes and had a jolly time doing it, feeling a little like giddy elves. They also wrote letters and placed them in the boxes, so the children will know that caring individuals took time to invest in and think about each of the gifts in the boxes.

### **Amber Fraizer Named Karaoke Winner**

The ASMSUN Program Council held their Fall Semester Karaoke Competition Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm in the SUB Ballroom. With 16 students singing up to three songs each, it was a fun-filled night for everyone. The race was close, but the ultimate winner of the \$100 MSU-Northern Bookstore gift certificate was Amber Fraizer who sang "Simple Man", "Hello" and "Stand By Me". Second place went to Trevail Lee and third place to Courtney Cota. Many thanks go out to all of the students who participated in this Fall's Karaoke Night and Finals Competition. A special thank you to the setup and sound crew, Ethan Partch, Trent Noel and Matt Spires; judges Trent Noel, Sherry Kegel and to Tom Kase and Mikal Persson for always being there to help out with all of our events. Watch for You-Tube Karaoke to continue in the spring.

### **The Northern Native Alumni Association Has Officers**



*From left to right, Jessica Kennedy-Stiffarm, Chair; Nate Chandler, Secretary; and Ron Kling, Vicechair/Treasurer.*

The Northern Native Alumni Association held elections last Wednesday during their regular meeting. Jessica Kennedy-Stiffarm was elected as Chair; Ron Kling as Vicechair/Treasurer, and Nate Chandler as Secretary. Members of the board of trustees are Brad Shields, Kim Barrows, and Pete Stiffarm. Currently, the newly formed association is working on their bylaws and mission statement among other projects. Those who are interested in learning more, contact the Chair at [kennedyj@co.hill.mt.us](mailto:kennedyj@co.hill.mt.us).

## The MSUN Montana Race Project

Following the lead of the Montana Race Project launched by the School of Journalism at the University of Montana, the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) asked students, faculty, and staff to participate submitting their 6 word essays about race in Montana. The goal of this activity is to reflect on race and start a constructive dialogue. Essays submitted are available on a display that will be rotating on campus for the remaining of the semester. The week of November 16, at the Student Union; the week of November 23, at Hagener; the week of November 30, at Brockman; and the week of December 7, at Cowan. Thank you to all who participated.



## First Cohort of Safe Zone Allies on Campus



The Module II training for safe Zone allies, facilitated by counselor Amber Spring took place last Wednesday November 18. The focus of this module was to learn what it means to be an ally, skills to become an advocate, and how to challenge heterosexism. After the training, participants received a placard to post in their office or dorm rooms and a pin. The new Safe Zone allies are (from left to right) Wanda Meredith, Ron Kling, Jessica Hoel, Ligia Arango, Sherry Kegel, Kathy Jaynes, Kristi Peterson and Robert Flesche. Not pictured, Greg Kegel, Margaret Meggs, and Chad Spangler. Those interested on future Safe Zone training, contact [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu)

## Maroon and Gold MSUN Bookstore Sale

The MSUN Bookstore is holding the Maroon and Gold Sale. The sale is up and running and will continue until November 25. Avoid the hustle and bustle of Black Friday, and shop at the bookstore where you can gobble up savings like 30% off all MSU-Northern apparel; 25% off backpacks, bags, and totes; 25% off beverage containers and mugs; 20% off Naked Bee products; 10% off school supplies; and buy one food item and get the second one 50% off. Hurry over to the MSUN Bookstore before this sale ends.

## Student Spotlight - Daniel Morrison

By Kimmi Boyce

Daniel Morrison values his family and the great state of Montana in which he was raised, but when it came time to choose an internship program, staying close to home was the furthest thing from his mind. A fellow MSU-Northern student and close friend of Morrison's persuaded him to check out Zachry Construction Corporation. The company was 2,000 miles away from home, so Morrison scooped up the internship offer and headed south to Texas.

Though seeing another part of the country was exactly what Morrison wanted, he didn't expect what a strange difference it was to be without the comfort of having his parents just a few hours away. He missed his family but knew that with a focused schedule, he could immerse himself in work and make headway in the hands-on education he was seeking. Zachry Corp. has two divisions to their company: Zuus- their underground and civil engineering construction (power plants, dams, etc.), and their other division is commercial construction (roadways, bridges, etc.). Morrison worked with the commercial construction section. His job in the shop included anything as simple as painting and putting stickers back on equipment, to complex hydraulic and electrical diagnosis, to dealing with major issues on machinery.

Morrison also spent more than three weeks in Melissa, Texas at one of Zachry's job sites working as a field technician fixing and fueling equipment as deemed necessary. He explained his job positions this way: "The only difference between the two jobs was that being out in the field was much more fast-paced, and 'things needed to get done yesterday'- that type of deal." The company even introduced Morrison to lower level management responsibilities like buying equipment and parts. He didn't enjoy office work, but the experience still included worthwhile information for his future resume.

Another challenge Morrison encountered during his internship was the immense heat. He was taken aback by the amount of precaution his entire job site had to take to stay healthy and hydrated throughout the day. After assimilating to a new lifestyle in Texas, Morrison came to truly enjoy his summer spent in the Lone Star State. His favorite parts of the experience were the culture and diversity in Dallas as well as the abundance of entertainment options there. He also mentioned truly appreciating his time with the older mechanics he worked under at Zachry Corp.

Morrison looks forward to graduating from Northern and exploring his employment options. He spoke of possibly working for Zachry Corp. in the future saying, "There's comfort in knowing a Fortune 500 company wants you to work for them. The amount of work they have coming up means job security. Their benefits are great, and they treat employees as family. That all speaks a lot to me. They are more than just a company. They are people who understand life comes first and that there is life outside of work." Though Morrison has a great appreciation for Zachry Corp., he hasn't put all his eggs in one basket. He's open to various job openings and hopes to choose the best one that takes him to a great destination location. One of his biggest dreams is to follow in his family's footsteps and work with a mine. With a great internship experience under his belt, and his Northern education as a base, Morrison will surely fulfill his goals to the highest degree.

## *Important Announcements*

### **No Northern Network News Next Week**

There will not be a NNN next week because of Thanksgiving. Enjoy time with your family and friends. The NNN will return the following week.

### **Student Co-op Registration is Open for Spring Semester**

All co-ops are registered and administered through CareerExpress, unlike the regular classes in which students enroll. Each student must have a profile on CareerExpress before he or she can register for a co-op. Every co-op requires relevant learning objectives and approval by the student's advisor, employer, dean of the appropriate college, and the director of the Career Center. It is not the Career Center or MSUN's responsibility to find a co-op for a student. The center can provide assistance, but students need to find employers who will work with them for this on-the-job learning experience. Please contact the Career Center with any questions you may have.

### **Important Dates**

Special Library Hours for Thanksgiving:  
Wednesday, Nov. 25: Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 26-28: Closed  
Sunday, Nov. 29: Open 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

Extended Library Hours for the Week before Finals Week:  
Monday, Nov. 30-Thursday, Dec. 3: Open 8 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 4: Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 5: Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 6: Open 1 p.m.-11 p.m.

### **Apply for 2016-2017 Scholarships**

Current MSUN students, think ahead, and apply for 2016-2017 scholarships. Simply log into MyInfo and click on "2016-2017 Continuing Student Scholarship Application" or print an application and return it to the Financial Aid Office by 5 p.m. January 29, 2016.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Tech Snacks: Gamification- Nov. 20**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Gamification.

Dear Instructor, let's play a brief imagination game. Imagine a student who fails to read the directions for an assignment. Now imagine the same student spending hours researching player stats for her fantasy football league. Why is she willing to expend energy in one domain but not the other? Game developers have spent decades consciously honing the techniques and strategies that engage players. Lately, educators have found that the same techniques can be used in education to foster student engagement. Gamification is not about playing games in education; it is about designing interactions that foster engagement. If that sounds interesting, come to Tech Snacks and continue playing... you just might acquire a new ability!

Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, November 20) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### **XLi 2016**

Next year's XLi Conference will take place at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

Submit proposals for presentations at the XLi 2016 website: <http://xli.gfcmu.edu/>

Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLi will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University. Let Extended University know if you're interested in attending or presenting; they can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

### **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 Justin Mason in Extended University.

## *Upcoming Activities*

### **All-Male Beauty Pageant Nursing Fundraiser - Nov. 20**

Level-1 Nursing students are proud to present Northern's first ever all-male beauty pageant. This brand new event will take place today, Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the SUB-Ballroom. Come and enjoy drinks, bid on some great silent auction items, and have some full belly laughs as these young gentleman duke it out to see who is Northern's 2015 Mr. Irresistible! There will be voting for the "fan favorite" and three different competitive segments including formal wear, swimwear, and talent. General admission is \$10, but MSUN students can attend for \$5 with their current I.D.s. Children age twelve and under can attend free of charge. Come out and help support your local nursing students, and enjoy a night out filled with drinks, laughs, and tons of fun.

### **Community Tree Lighting - Nov. 28**

Everyone is invited to bundle up and gather to bask in the glow of one of Havre's holiday traditions while joining family and friends at the Town Square for the ceremonial lighting of the community Christmas tree on Saturday, November the 28<sup>th</sup>, with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. Join members of the HHS choir in singing holiday carols while warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and waiting the much-anticipated arrival of Santa and his holiday wish for all.

### **Santa Run- Nov. 28**

BNSF and the Havre Chamber of Commerce are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa Run on November 28. Check in for the event begins at 4 p.m. at Normans, and the run begins at 4:30 p.m. The run consists of a one-mile route, beginning at Town Square, running along 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue, and ending back at the community

Christmas tree. The participation cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family. In the spirit of Christmas and holiday fun, everyone should dress up for the run. The competition categories include: best Santa, best adult elf, best child elf, and fastest male and female runners. The winner for each category will receive a special prize. All participants can also get free photos taken in front of the city Christmas tree.

### ***Mary Poppins* MAT Tryouts- Nov. 28, Dec. 1, and Dec. 4-5**

Adult auditions for MAT's production of *Mary Poppins* will take place Saturday, November 28, from 1-4 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Theatre in Cowan Hall and on Tuesday, December 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium. Children's auditions will take place Friday, December 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Havre High School Auditorium and Saturday, December 5, from 1-3 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Theatre in Cowan Hall.

For questions or to request the audition preparation information, call Rachel Dean at 399-3992 or Audrey Barger at 390-4663.

The actual showing of the musical will run from March 4-5, 10-12, 17-19 with matinees on March 6 and 13.

### **World Aids Day- Dec. 1**

World AIDS Day has taken place on December the 1st every year since 1988. This commemorative day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the HIV epidemic around the world. For many people the day is associated with the red ribbon, an instantly recognizable symbol. Wearing a red ribbon is a simple way to show your support. Pick your red ribbon up at the SUB Information Desk.

### **NorthPoint Auction- Dec. 2**

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. Over 400 students have earned points this semester for attending school-related events such as: intramural and recreation activities, dances, athletic games, comedy, musical or variety shows, the Chancellor's Lecture Series, SUB Fitness Center or the Pin-n-Cue recreation area. These points are calculated and posted in the SUB Lobby.

If you have attended several events this fall, you will have earned NorthPoints. All of the points that you have earned this semester can be spent at the NorthPoint Auction. There will be a silent and a live auction, games, refreshments, and finger foods. Come to the auction and spend your points on some cool prizes. The NorthPoint Auction will run from 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom on December 2. For more information, contact Denise Brewer at 265-3732 or [brewer@msun.edu](mailto:brewer@msun.edu).

### **Waffle Wednesday- Dec. 2**

Chi Alpha will be dishing out waffles and all kinds of toppings on December 2, as one last waffle extravaganza before the end of the semester. The group will be preparing some special festive waffle flavors and offering holiday toppings as well. The event is free and open to the campus community. Come enjoy gooey, delicious waffles and some fun fellowship on Wednesday, December 2, at 8 p.m. in the MacKenzie Hall lounge area.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **TidBits**

By Bill Lanier

This column was originally designed to pass on interesting facts, or as the name implies, tidbits about Northern or people associated with Northern. But every once in a while I have used it to recognize individuals who I thought deserved a mention, or to honor someone in some small way. This week's TidBits is one of those.

This past week a Northern Montana Legend passed away and has left a hole in the hearts of many. Mr. Wells Lamey passed away, Sunday November 15. Wells was a one-of-a kind, the soul of an angel with a heart of gold, a million-dollar smile and a mind like a steel trap. He was one of those people, who if you met him and chatted with him for a minute or more, you had a friend for life.

Nobody knew Northern sports like Wells. The first time I meet Wells, we talked about Northern sports for close to three hours, and I enjoyed every minute of that and every conversation since that first one. One of Wells's accomplishments at Northern was working with Judy Bricker, the Northern Alumni Association, and me to get the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame started. Most of the inductees the first fifteen years were due either to the research that he conducted and/or letters of support he wrote. Wells himself was inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, but most people do not know that it was not an easy task to get him to agree to his induction. He thought that since he was one of the people that got the Hall of Fame of started, people would think it was "an inside job" and that "it would take away from those that were already in the Hall of Fame." If anything, Wells Lamey's induction validated the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. Wells is one of just a select few to have received the Northern Founder's Excellence Award and to have been inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame (future TidBit).

Rest in peace Hall of Famer.

Wells Lamey's obituary at the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home web page:

[http://www.hollandbonine.com/memsol.cgi?user\\_id=1705651](http://www.hollandbonine.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1705651)

Wells Lamey's biography on Northern Athletic Hall of Fame web page:

<http://www.msun.edu/alumni/fame/2004.aspx>

Tribute to Wells Lamey by George Ferguson of the Havre Daily News:

<http://www.havredailynews.com/story/2015/11/17/sports/george-ferguson-column-wells-was-a-havre-fan-like-no-other/506433.html>