

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Eric E. Delights Audience



Dynamic performer Eric. E. held a concert at MSU-Northern last Tuesday. The singer/guitarist brought a driving acoustic sound that touched on many styles, and was especially rhythmic. He displayed a unique ability to make his audience feel personally involved by offering pieces from various eras, playing tunes that listeners of all ages remembered and cherished. Though Eric E. did not use any drum machines or synthesized backup parts, listeners still commented that he "sounds like a whole band," using purely the 'unplugged' sound of his voice and guitar.

Northern Helps with "Havre Reads for Peace"



Last Friday, MSUN students and volunteers took part in the Havre Reads for Peace event as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The Northern students and volunteers read books about Martin Luther King Jr. and racial equality to elementary students from Head Start through third grade. The Skylights basketball team read to students at Lincoln-McKinley Elementary School while the men's basketball team read to students at Highland Park School. Various other Northern volunteers read at the Head Start location. Children and volunteers, alike, had a grand time sharing stories and time together celebrating King's longstanding legacy of peace.

MLK White Balloons Peace Walk

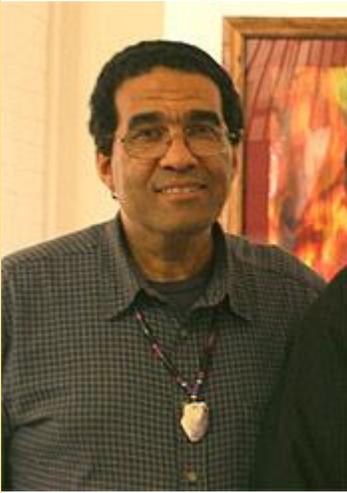
In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) organized a white balloons peace walk on January 15. Participants, including Northern Lights athletes, were very enthusiastic despite the cold temperature. The walk concluded between the Hagener parking lot and the SUB Ballroom, with a brief gathering. Student Tyler Chandler, one of the Northern Lights, read a short biography of Dr. King. Cristina Estrada-Underwood, director of ODAMP, delivered a short speech about the legacy of this remarkable leader. Participants departed the event with white balloons to their residence halls, houses, or offices as a symbol of non-violence and justice.

Chi Alpha Attends Regional SALT Conference



(Pictured from left to right: Tyler Boyce, Kimmi Boyce, Jonathan Crosby, Wyatt Ullery (front): Tori Rasmussen, Hannah Bailey, Emma Massar, and Whitney Aschim, (back left to right): Braxton Todd, Sam Davison, Karl Muelheim, Faith Martin, and Justin Smart (not pictured: Andrew Potter, Jordan Munson, and Corey Buckley)

Last Friday, Northern's Chi Alpha club carpooled across the state to attend the SALT (Student Activist Leadership Training) North Big Sky conference in Dillon, Montana. The group met up with other Chi Alpha clubs from most of the universities in Montana and Idaho. The students enjoyed the energetic storytelling approach to main speaker Dan Baumann's training, as he shared many tales, including an account of the nine weeks he spent imprisoned in Iran. In the afternoons, students attended their choice of breakout sessions on a wide range of skills, from leading small groups and connecting with international students to coping with divorce in families. The Northern Chi Alpha students came back energized and ready to take on the 2016 spring semester.



Native American Activism on Climate Change Issues

Yesterday, University of Montana Professor, Dr. George Price, presented his talk: "Native American Activism on Climate Change Issues and the Global Connections and Implications of this Issue." He offered valuable insight into some of the indigenous viewpoints of climate change issues and suggestions on how we can all help make changes to mitigate these issues, including insight into the creation and maintenance of his own permaculture farm on the Flathead Reservation. Dr. Price offered an indigenous perspective that is not often heard. His position on climate change and insights stimulated thought, discussion, and attendee engagement.

Little River Institute Indigenous Research Conference Request for Proposals

The first annual Indigenous Research Conference sponsored by the Little River Institute will take place on the campus of MSUN this spring, held in conjunction with the Sweetgrass Society Pow-wow. The inaugural conference will be a regional gathering of scholars and students which will take place April 28 - 29, 2016. It is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country. The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at the secondary and post-secondary levels in the region to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information concerning the Request for Proposals (RFPs), please visit the conference website at <http://www.littleriverinstitute.org/> or contact the program director, Erica McKeon-Hanson, at erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu. Please share the RFPs widely among your colleagues and students.

The Little River Institute on the campus of Montana State University-Northern is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program with, the aim of providing culturally responsive tutoring and mentoring services, faculty professional development on the topics of cultural responsiveness and technology use in teaching, and a gathering space with mentoring support for the Sweetgrass Society.

Important Announcements

- 1/25/2016: Last day to add a first-half semester class
- 1/27/2016: Last day to add a full-semester class
- 1/29/2016: Last day to drop a full-semester class without a "W"
- 2/5/2016: Last day to drop a first-half semester class without a "W"

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Higher-level Assessment the Easy(ish) Way!

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic: "Higher-level assessment, the easy(ish) way!" You want to assess your students' true understanding of a subject. Essays and discussions can assess students' real understanding of a topic, but they take a ton of time to grade. Quizzes are easy to grade, but usually only assess low-level learning like memorization and recall. What if you could accurately gauge how well your students "get" something, without spending hours every week grading papers?

One of Northern's instructors has developed some really cool quiz-based assessments, and we'll show you how you can adapt similar ideas to your subject matter. Developing higher-level assessments takes time and effort but can lead to huge time savings later. Bring your questions, and we'll bring the snacks. Tech

Snacks is happening Friday, January 22 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 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

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 Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

God of Carnage- Jan. 22-23, 28-30



Montana Actor's Theatre presents, *God of Carnage*. A playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge, and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

The remaining dates for this show are: January 22-23, and 28-30. Evening shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Doors and Backstage Lounge open at 7:30.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students, and military, \$5 for children 10 and under; and MSU-Northern students/staff/faculty are admitted free with current I.D. Just present your Northern I.D. at the box office, and your ticket is complimentary. Tickets are available on MAT's website or at Fiveheads, Computer Center, Bear Paw Meats, and Bear Paw Montana Realty. This show is not recommended for children due to adult language and content.

Lecture Features Musically Talented Havre Resident, Ms. Mary Stevens - Jan. 26

The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series will host "The Power of Music: The Effect of Therapeutic Music on the Mind and Body" with Mary Stevens on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. This is a lecture and harp demonstration. The performance will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Scientific studies have shown the value of music therapy on the body, mind, and spirit of children and adults. Stevens is certified as a Clinical Musician through the Harp for Healing, International Harp Therapy Program (IHTP) and Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy (VAHT). She provides therapeutic music, including Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy, to local hospice patients and the residents of two care facilities in north central Montana. In therapeutic music, Stevens brings entertaining programs and hymn sings to the residents of the Northern Montana Care Center, and provides in-room therapeutic harp music to patients in hospice and in the care center and hospital. Many patients and family members have remarked that Stevens's music provided much-needed emotional and spiritual care and was very instrumental in their healing process.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.
Please visit the website to see the Spring 2016 Chancellor's Lecture Series:
<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

presents the following workshops:

Stress Management Workshop (with Free Pizza) - Jan. 27

Stress is an inevitable part of student campus life. Learn how to manage stress from a "wellness lifestyle" approach that will help you find balance in everyday life. Come to Student Support Services (Cowan Hall 211) on January 27 at 5 p.m. We'll be glad you did.

(Please sign up by noon on Wednesday so we know how much pizza to order!)

Resume Writing Workshop - Jan. 27

Residence Life is collaborating with Mary Heller, Career Center Director, to offer students resume' writing and interview tips on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:00pm in the Morgan Hall Rec Room. This event is open for ALL students.

Screening of *Paper Tigers* - Jan. 28

On Thursday, January 28 Northern is pleased to host a film screening and discussion forum for *Paper Tigers: One High School's Unlikely Success Story*. The screening will take place in the Hensler Auditorium of the Advanced Technology Center from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. This event will be offered by the Montana State University Graduate Faculty, the Rocky Boy Environmental Prevention - MSPI Grant, and the Rocky Boy System of Care Project.

Ping Pong Night - Jan. 28

Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m., the Intramural & Recreation Council will be hosting a ping pong tournament in the SUB Pin-n-Cue. Sign up at the SUB, or just drop in. The winner will receive a prize at the end of the event.

NMHC Annual Health Fair - Jan. 30

The Northern Montana Health Care 2016 Health Fair will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Havre Holiday Village Mall. Come check out the various vendors of healthful products and services. Call Julianne at 262-3146 for more information.

Fresno Ice Derby - Jan. 30-31

The 5th Annual Fresno Ice Derby at Fresno Reservoir will take place January 30-31. Fishing will be from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Eligible fish include: northern pike, walleye, and perch/croppy (perch and croppy will be combined). Participants will need to have their fish measured within a half hour of the ending time for each day. The weigh-in is located at The Walleye Tavern both days. There will be cash prizes for the three longest northern pike, walleye and perch/croppy caught each day. If one species of the eligible fish is not caught, the money will be divided between the other fish species for that day.

All participants will abide by Montana fish regulations and possession limits. You must have a valid and current Montana Fishing License. Youth 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult-licensed participant. Spear fishing will be allowed. Each participant must be registered prior to the day of the event. The entry fee is \$25 per day or \$50 for both days. You do not have to fish both days. Cash prizes will be awarded specifically for each day and amounts will be determined by the number of participants each day.

Registration and official rules at: <http://havrechamber.com/fresno-ice-fishing-derby>

Bingo Night - Feb. 3

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting monthly bingo nights again this semester. The next bingo night will be February 3 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and the winner of blackout bingo will receive a 7" Android tablet at the end of the evening. The Associated Students will provide refreshments.

Tickets Available for the We Love Northern Ball - Feb 6



Get ready for a glamorous night on the red carpet at the annual We Love Northern Ball! Enjoy a night under the Hollywood Lights, including fine dining, dancing, entertainment, and NO auctions. Just pledge ONE GIFT to the scholarship fund for your chance to win an amazing getaway package! Tickets and table sponsorships are available by calling the Northern Alumni Foundation at 265-3711. General seating tickets are \$100 each, reserved tables are \$1,000, and Premiere Tables (all beer and wine included) are available for \$1,500. All proceeds from the evening will fund scholarships for students at MSU-Northern. See you February 6 at the We Love Northern Ball!

Spring Career Fair and Co-Ops - Feb. 8

Mark your calendars; the 2016 Spring Career Fair is Monday, February 8. The event will be held in the Armory Gymnasium from 9 a.m. - noon with many employers interviewing in the afternoon and next day. Registration is open for employers on CareerExpress, and the deadline to sign up is January 29. Students will be allowed to sign up when they return for spring semester. Contact the Career Center at 406-265-4198 if you have any questions.

Students wishing to register for spring semester co-ops should do so no later than Wednesday, January 27. It is up to the student to find an employer who is willing to work with them on the co-op experience. Registration for the co-ops begin with the Career Center and on CareerExpress.

MSUN Wrestling Team Take on the Iowa Hawkeyes - Feb. 12



MSU-Northern, 6 time NAIA National Wrestling Champions, take on one of the top wrestling dynasties in the nation, the Iowa Hawkeyes, 23 time NCAA National Wrestling Champions. Don't miss this powerhouse match, get your tickets today! Watch the Iowa Hawkeyes go head to head against the Northern Lights on February 12 at 7 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Armory Gym. For tickets, call 265-3761. Students, staff and faculty can get in free with a current ID and are encouraged to get their general admission ticket in advance from the athletic office. If you want a reserved seat it will cost \$15.

Spring 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

This movie series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian and indigenous artists and filmmakers. Following each film there will be a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everybody is welcome. Light refreshments will be available. All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m. The films this year are:

DANCE ME OUTSIDE - Wed. Jan. 27

A cult classic about two young men struggling with girls, family, and murder on the Kidabanesee Reserve. Starring Adam Beach

ON THE ICE - Tues. Feb. 23

Tragedy, friendship, and responsibility in an Iñupiat community

EMPIRE OF DIRT - Wed. March 23

Three generations of First Nations women struggle to bridge the generation gap and deal with the demons of their past.

RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS - Thurs. Apr 14

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

Chancellor's Lecture Series:

There are four lectures scheduled for the 2016 spring semester. Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

Mary Stevens: "The Power of Music: The Effect of Therapeutic Music on the Mind and Body" - Jan. 26

Neal Lewing: "Meagher of the Sword: Montana's First Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher" - Mar. 1

Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with an integration of an Art and History Program"- April 13

All presentations are free and open to the public. All presentations begin at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center.

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Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

This last weekend, former Skylight Volleyball standout, Paula Talbot Molyneaux, was named the Class C athletic director of the year. Paula is the athletic director for the Chinook Sugarbeeters. Paula is married to Northern Alumni, Matt Molyneaux, who is the principal at Chinook High School. Congratulations Paula, you make Northern proud!