

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Past Week*

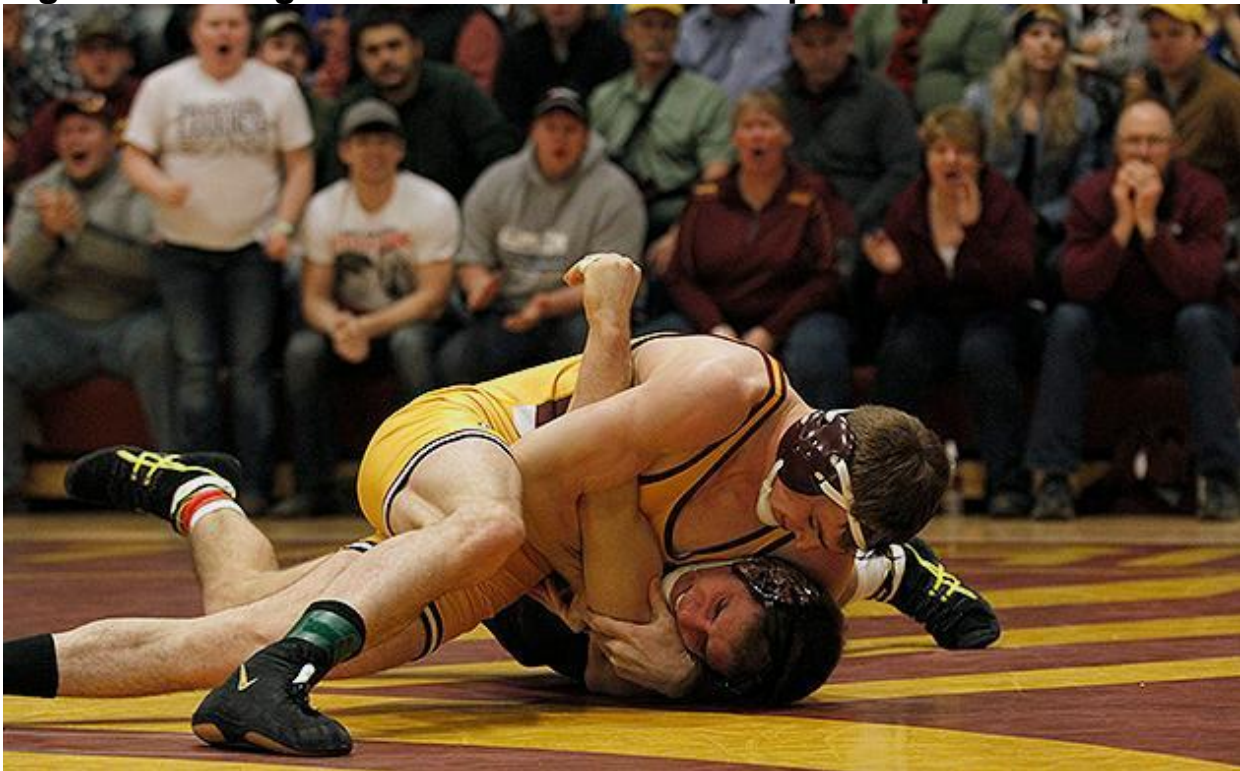
## First Annual Ford Engagement Day



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This past Wednesday, seven Montana Ford Dealerships and the regional Ford Field Service Engineer participate in the inaugural Ford Engagement Day event. In the morning, students took part in a training session with the latest scan tool on the latest Ford vehicles. Later, students talked with and networked with the dealerships and enjoyed a luncheon together.

## Lights Wrestling Team Heads to NAIA Championship



The Lights wrestling team is currently in Topeka, Kansas taking part in the NAIA National Championship. The team entered the competition ranked number three in the nation, according to the final NAIA Coaches Poll. The ten athletes who are competing at nationals include: number one ranked junior Garrett DeMers at 197 pounds, Willie Miller who's ranked number two at 174 pounds, number two ranked heavyweight Toby Cheff, number three ranked heavyweight Taylor Kornoely, freshman Quintel Fuchs who's ranked 6th at 125 pounds, freshman Blake Ivie ranked 14th at 133, Drake Randall who is 14th at 149, Brandon Weber who's 15th at 157 pounds, Andrew Bartel who's 14th at 165, and Matt Weber is also attending nationals. He spent much of the season ranked at 141 pounds. The Northern family wishes our Lights wrestlers the best of luck!

For the first time in the association's history, the NAIA will broadcast the championships final bouts on ESPN3. The final matches will begin at 8 p.m. EST or 7 p.m. CST on Saturday, March 5.

## Skylights Head to Lewiston



The MSU-Northern Skylights outscored Rocky Mountain College 14-7 in the final quarter en route to a 49-41 Frontier Conference Playoff win Wednesday night in Havre, MT. Both teams struggled to score in the hard-fought defensive battle. Rocky led 9-7 after one quarter and 22-20 at the half. MSUN inched ahead 35-34 after three quarters. Rocky was 4-20 from the three point line, while the Skylights knocked down 5-18. MSUN is now 23-7 overall and travels to Lewiston, Idaho Saturday night to meet Lewis-Clark in a semi-final game.

## **Barb Coffman Receives 2016 Friend of Rural Water Award**



George Dengel, Montana Rural Water Systems President, Barb Coffman, METC Director and Jim Magone, National Rural Water Association Director.

One definition of a friend is: one who will go that extra mile - to make more of an effort than is expected. The recipient of the 2016 Friend of Rural Water Award has certainly proven that definition by collaborating and assisting Montana Rural Water Systems with their annual conference and yearly workshops, while continuing to assist their goals to elevate the lifeblood of the water industry. The 2016 Friend of Rural Water, is Barb Coffman, Director of the Montana Environmental Training Center at MSU-Northern.

Coffman is a certified operator and additionally received a master's degree from Montana State University Northern. In using this degree and sharing numerous talents including water and wastewater operational experience, research, organizational and management skills, the entire state of Montana's communities have benefited from Coffman for many years.

Family, farming, horses (that have provided several "bucking" experiences) and community remain very near and dear to Coffman's heart and that character strength reaches many "friends" across Montana. Always willing to step forward to provide guidance, expertise or valuable assistance of support when needed, Coffman continues to be a strong advocate for providing educational opportunities to operators and the communities they work for. Congratulations Barb Coffman! You make Northern proud.

## **Basketball Players' Family Weekend**

The Lights and Skylights held their annual "Family" Weekend as they honored their Adopt-A-Light/Skylight Families on Friday before the games and honored the seniors and their families on Saturday in between games. It was a successful weekend overall in front of packed houses, once again. The Lights continued their stellar play with wins over #6 (NAIA) LC-State 82-72, and over Montana Tech 78-64, notching their 18th & 19th wins of the season.

## Lewing Spins Tales and Sings Songs of Thomas Francis Meagher



The Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series brought in Neal Lewing to present "Meagher of the Sword: Montana's Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher." This story/song presentation shed light on the life, history, and mystery surrounding Meagher. Attendees learned of Meagher's passionate yet rebellious beginnings which drove him from his Irish homeland to banishment in Australia. His escape brought him to the United States where he gained popularity with President Lincoln but also acquired several strong enemies. He eventually ended up in Montana and led the territory for a time before disappearing from a boat on the Missouri River in Fort Benton, Montana. Lewing shared Meagher's life details by intertwining his lecture and Irish tunes. It was an engaging presentation full of intriguing tidbits about Meagher's very controversial existence that was also quite important to Montana's beginnings.

As an interesting side note, Thomas Francis Meagher's last name is pronounced "mar." And even Montanans who live in Meagher County often mispronounce their county's namesake.

Please visit the website to see the spring 2016 Chancellor's Lecture Series:  
<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## MAT's *Mary Poppins* Opens Tonight



Tonight will be the first showing of MAT's *Mary Poppins*. The story centers on the Banks family, and in particular, the children, Jane and Michael, who are a bit out of control and in need of a new nanny. The family members' opinions differ when it comes to what kind of nanny to hire. They are all surprised and changed after meeting and spending time with the mysterious woman called Mary Poppins. Casey Pratt and Rachel Dean are directing the show, and it will be running March 4-6, 10-13, and 17-19. Evening performances will begin at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Doors and backstage lounge open thirty minutes before each show. Adults can attend the play for \$20. Seniors, students, and military members can attend for \$15, and children's tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern students, staff and faculty attend for free with current student I.D.s.

## "Freckled Face, Cha-ah-sch-a" by Ed (Eddy) Stamper



In celebration of Women's History Month, the MSUN Multicultural Center, is showcasing Ed (Eddy) Stamper Jr. as the artist of the month in March. Stamper is a member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. He creates various kinds of art and has been actively immersed in this passion since he was a young child. Stamper has an interest in creating portraits based on the work of photographers like Gertrude Käsebier, Frank A. Rinehart, Edward Curtis, Jo Mora, and John Nicholas Choate. He also draws modern-day famous people such as Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Notah Begay, Johnny Depp, and is currently working on drawing a series of past U.S. presidents.

The showcased piece is entitled "Freckled Face, Cha-ah-sch-a". According to historical records, the portrait subject was the third wife of Arapahoe leader Little Bird. She took the Anglo name Hannah and is known as Hannah Little Bird. She lived in the Seger Indian Colony in Oklahoma where she is buried (c.1859-1920). Freckled Face was one of the many

photos taken by the famous photographer Frank A. Rinehart.

The MSUN Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces, preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. This month's featured piece, "Freckled Face, Cha-ah-sch-a" is for sale. For more information, contact [mcc@msun.edu](mailto:mcc@msun.edu) or call (406) 265-3589.

## Alternative Spring Break Plans for the Penny Pincher

By Kimmi Boyce

Not everyone can afford to fly to Cancun, the Bahamas, or Hawaii for spring break. Though those warm destinations seem to beckon every college student who has begrudgingly trudged to class through snow this winter, for some, the tropical escape just isn't a reality. Do not be dismayed Northern students! With gas prices at a lovely low rate, and diesel prices even lower, you've got lots of driving distance options here in our great state. Here are a few getaway ideas:

- Explore Montana wilderness and stay at a U.S. Forest Service cabin in the Glacier area. They range from around \$25-\$70 a night. Find more info at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/flathead/recreation/camping-cabins/>
- For adventures around the Missoula area, take a look at inexpensive accommodations and pick your rate (starting at \$35/day) at the Shady Spruce Hostel: <http://www.shadysprucehostel.com>
- Try WWOOFing (Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms). A WWOOFer spends time on a host farm learning, helping, and working, and in return, they receive room and board. There is no exchange of money between the WWOOFer and the host farm. For more info, visit: <https://wwofusa.org>
- - Try a VRBO (vacation rental by owner) and go Glamping at Bear10 Ranch. Glamping is glamour camping in a teepee for \$44 a night at this location. Check it out: <https://www.vrbo.com/752485>

## Important Announcements

**Summer 2016 Class Schedule is now up on Banner Web**

[Click here](#) to view the Summer 2016 Pre-Registration Schedule.

## Graduation Garb- a Reminder for Spring 2016 Graduates

Do not forget to reserve your graduation cap, gown, and tassel for the upcoming graduation ceremony to be held on May 7, 2016. To place your order, please visit the MSU-Northern Bookstore (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.) You can also download and email the order form [bookstore@msun.edu](mailto:bookstore@msun.edu), or you can place a phone order by calling 406-265-3728. Orders after March 6 will incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

## Upcoming Faculty Workshops

### Tech Snacks: Improving Student Reading Part 1

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

This week's topic: Improving Student Reading Part 1. A common problem instructors are facing (here at Northern, but also across the country) is student reading habits. The current crop of students often struggles with comprehension, reflection, and critical thinking when it comes to academic reading. This is a national, generational problem that can't be solved with a 15-minute tech snack, but we'd like to start having the conversation and offer some ideas that can help.

We'll start by looking at a fairly new reading assignment format called "Question, Reaction, Summary," which can help your students engage with your course content and help them develop better reading habits. This is going to be the first in an occasional series on the topic of improving student reading.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 112, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - April 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference, hosted at MSU-Northern, 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 Northern, at high schools and universities across the region to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information including the Request for Proposal forms, contact Erica McKeon-Hanson at [erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu](mailto:erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu) or visit [www.littleriverinstitute.org](http://www.littleriverinstitute.org).

### 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

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Black Dress Party- Mar. 5

Tomorrow, women from across the Hi-Line will be donning their little black dresses and supporting a local cause. The evening centers on fun and entertainment, but this year will also focus on raising money for the RezQ Dogs organization. There will be a dinner of pork roast, potatoes, veggies and a roll (with salads and desserts available) provided by the Eagles Club as well as a live band, Plowed Under, playing tunes to dance to. The cost for this event will be \$10 at the door, so come on out for a lively night with the girls (of course couples and gentlemen are welcome too).

### Safe Zone Module III - Undoing and Unpacking Individual Heterosexism - Mar. 9

Participate in this conversation to identify the beliefs and practices that intentionally or unintentionally privilege heterosexuality as the only (or most acceptable) sexual orientation, and how in some cases these practices might constitute microaggressions. This module is open to everyone. It will take place March 9th from noon to one at the Fireside Conference Room. Those who are interested, please register by contacting

Cristina Estrada-Underwood: [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or by calling 265-3589 or Amber Spring: [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or by calling 265-3783.

## Barbershop Singing Group Honors Irish-American History- Mar. 10

In celebration of Irish-American history month, MSUN has invited the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Chorus to sing acapella traditional Irish tunes. The event will take place March 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Food Court. For this special occasion, attendees will be able to enjoy corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, salad, Irish soda bread, and dessert, all for only \$9.95. Among the early immigrants in this country, the Irish community has assimilated to the United States, but they are still proud of their heritage and identity.

## Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Hi-Line Chapter Banquet- Mar. 12

Come take part in the Hi-Line Chapter's Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet next weekend on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a social evening of fun, great food, and camaraderie, all for the benefit of elk country. As always, the evening will include awesome raffles and various auction items, so come on out to the Duck Inn Olympic Room (1300 1st Street) March 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets at: <https://events.rmef.org/shop.aspx?eid=5245>

## 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. Everyone 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:

### ***EMPIRE OF DIRT* - Wed. Mar. 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"

## Tribal Transfer Day - Apr. 1

Tribal Transfer Day will focus on the theme "Eliminating Roadblocks to Success." In this one-day event, attendees will learn more about transitioning to a 4-year university while enjoying free breakfast, lunch, and refreshments, and hearing presentations on online learning, sports, student activities, Native American activities, and much more. Attendees will also be able to take a campus tour, visit faculty advisors, visit with Native American students currently enrolled at Northern, and visit with members of the Northern Native Alumni Association. Keep your eyes open for up-coming registration information.

## Weekly Columns

### TidBits

By Bill Lanier

With the wrestling team at the National NAIA Wrestling Tournament this weekend, here is my annual "Northern Wrestling by the Numbers" 2016 edition:

259- Wins this season by the ten wrestlers heading to the national tournament

167- All-Americans (does not include Academic All-Americans) that Northern has produced

152.5- Points scored at the 2016 regional tournament (69 more points than Northern scored at the 2015 Regional Tournament).

152- Number of wins by the six freshman heading to the national tournament

112- Number of career pins by former Light and current assistant coach Ethan Hinebauch (most in NAIA history)

- 108- Number of career wins by Garrett DeMers
- 80- Career winning percentage at Northern by senior Toby Cheff
- 38- Number of seconds it took Garrett DeMers to pin his opponent in the 2016 regional finals
- 37- Number of wins this season by senior Willie Miller
- 34- Consecutive years Northern has had at least one All-American
- 32- Consecutive years Northern has had at least two All-Americans
- 30- Individual national champions from Northern (3rd all-time in NAIA history)
- 22- Academic All-Americans Northern has produced
- 13- Top three team finishes by Northern at the national tournament
- 11- High school state championships won by Northern alumnus Scott Filius
- 8- Place title taken by the 2015 team at the NAIA National Tournament
- 7- Number of national championships by Turk Lords (4 individual and 3 team)
- 6- National team titles won by Northern (3rd all-time in NAIA history)
- 6- Number of individuals that were four-time All-Americans in the history of Northern
- 4- National individual titles won by Turk Lords
- 3- National individual titles won by Emmett Willson
- 2- National individual titles won by Corey Borges
- 1- Dan Hodge Trophy winners by Northern (Emmett Willson, still the only NAIA wrestler to ever win this award).