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Feature Video

Women in Non-Traditional Fields... Do What You Love!



The video player interface features a central image of a woman, Emma Faus Ralston, wearing safety glasses and a dark hoodie, working on a mechanical engine. The background is a mix of purple and orange. The text 'Yes You Can... ..do what you love!' is displayed in white on an orange background. Below this, the name 'Emma Faus Ralston' is written in a white script font, followed by 'Wichita, KA' in a white sans-serif font. A large white play button icon is centered over the image. In the bottom right corner of the video frame, the Montana State University Northern logo and the Women's Foundation of Montana logo are visible. The video player controls at the bottom include a play/pause button, a volume icon, a full screen icon, and a refresh icon.

Yes You Can...
...do what you love!

Emma Faus Ralston
Wichita, KA

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TekNoXpo Highlight Video



This Past Week

Second Annual Indigenous Education Conference



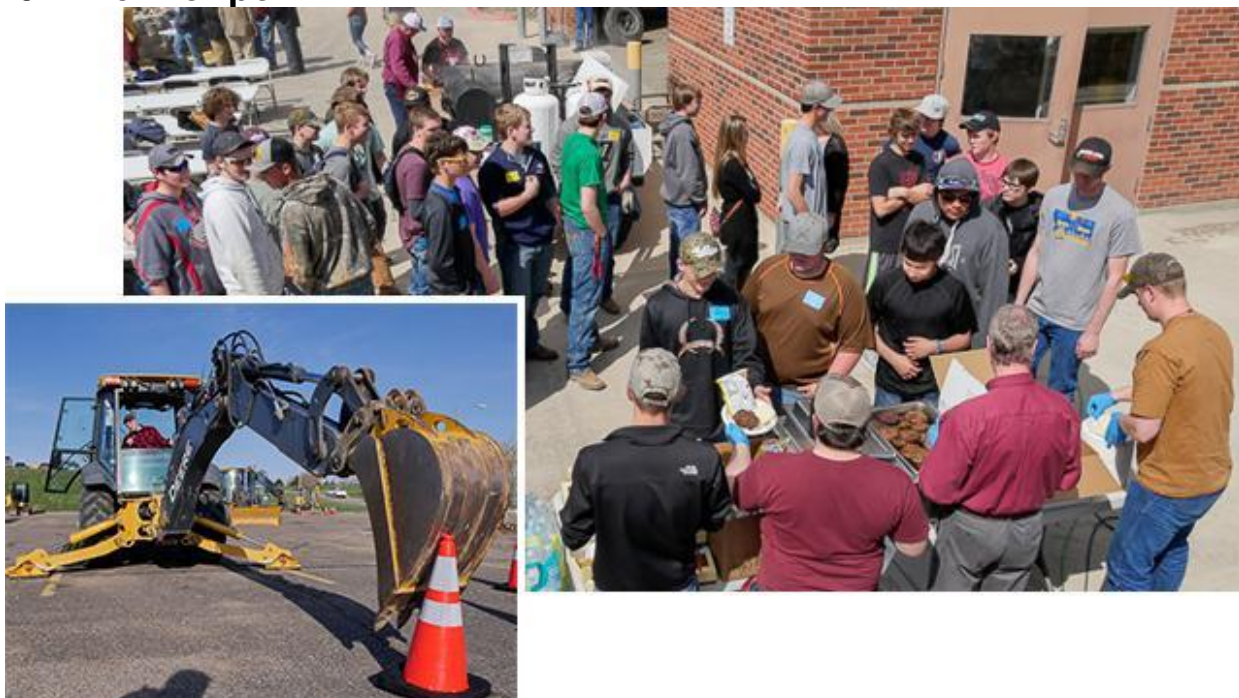
The Little River Institute hosted their second Annual Indigenous Education Conference this week. The theme of the conference was "Social Justice: Implementing Montana's Indian Education for All (IEFA) Act." The first day of the conference focused on IEFA in K-12 schools and day-two concentrated on IEFA in Higher Education. Over 115 people took part in the conference.

Kiewit Shares Industry Insights with Diesel Students



Jacob Shipp, an MSU-Northern graduate from the fall of 2001 and current Kiewit Diesel Technician, shares some practical tips about the undercarriage on a Komatsu Excavator. This was one of several demonstrations provided by Kiewit this past week. Kiewit is one of the world's largest construction companies and one of Northern's corporate partners and part of the Northern Diesel Advisory Board. Thank you Jacob for your help and insights. You make Northern Proud!

2017 TekNoXpo



High school students from Great Falls, Havre, Shelby, Simms, Hobson, Valier, Shelby, Thompson Falls, Turner, Wolf Point, Big Sandy Geraldine Chinook CMR, Fergus, Glasgow, Harlem, and North Star came to Northern to be a part of Northern's TekNoXpo. TekNoXpo provides an opportunity for Montana high school students to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern. Everyone selects from four different interest areas or tracks and are given the opportunity to have some hands-on experience in those areas. The various tracks were:

- Track 1 - Agriculture and Automotive Technology
- Track 2 - Construction Careers Technology

Track 3 - Diesel Technology
Track 4 - Healthcare

Painting Class Makes a "Masterpiece"

Joel Soiseth's Acrylic painting class did a collaborative painting. They took a photo of a truck and divided it into 9 separate parts. Each student took a small portion of a photograph and independently scaled their portion of the photo up and painted it with their own style and perception of tonal values. The separate paintings were then combined to make one large painting. Those who participated are Kyra Cornelius, Roberta Edwards, Jade Failing, Courtney Lindgren Skylar Long Fox, Jade McCormick, Brandon Moes, Emily Russell, Joey Todd and Meagan Wilkinson.



MSU Looks at Best Practices for Student Success



Two of Montana State University Fellowship participants were on campus yesterday to check out Northern's TekNoXpo. Dr. Eric Lopez (left) is the Dean of the College of Education Human Development for Texas A&M University in San Antonio and is doing a 10-month fellowship at MSU in Bozeman looking at high impact practices for student success. He is here to identify the activities and programs that are assisting students in higher education. Jeffrey Conger (right) is a Professor of Graphic Design in the School of Art at MSU and is the Presidential Faculty Fellow, which is a 10-month leadership Fellowship in the President's office. He is looking at the best practices among the MSU campuses but is also looking at

the entire higher education system. He is also working on a dyslexia initiative to heighten awareness about the positive side of dyslexia.

Recognized Classified - Landis Cresswell

By Debra Bradly and Jennifer Anderson



Landis Cresswell is the Custodian for Cowan Hall. Landis has been a part of Northern's custodial staff since 2009 when he started as a student worker while perusing his degree in graphic design. He became a full-time employee in July of 2015. According to Eva Stokes, Facilities Service Office Manager and Custodial Supervisor, his knowledge, experience, work ethics and attention to details is greatly appreciated. Landis's father, Greg Cresswell, was Northern's Groundskeeper until his passing in February 2010. We are truly thankful to have Landis as a part of our team.

The Book Club Celebrates National Poetry Month with Joy Harjo's "How We Became Human."



April is recognized as National Poetry Month. The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the English Department sponsored a book discussion on *How we Became Human*, a poetry selection by nationally recognized Muscogee poet, musician, and author Joy Harjo. The conversation revolved around the favorite poems of the book and also how Harjo incorporates personal (and almost intimate) aspects of her life in her poetry. Another trait that was brought up is how the book is organized: how in the introduction she incorporates a short account of her life's journey and how, at the end in her final notes, she provides information about the context of some of the poems. The final discussion was about participants' personal input on how the title of the book connects with the content, which is the author's personal perception on how we continuously become human. Thank you so much to all the participants. Looking forward to another year of interesting readings.

MSU-Northern is a Finalist for the 2017 Education Advances Awards

MSU-Northern is one of six higher education institutions selected as finalists for the 2017 Hobsons Education Advances Awards, recognizing innovative approaches to helping students succeed. The finalists, selected by an independent panel of judges, are leaders in combining people, process, and technology to make a difference in the lives of students.

In 2015, the entire Montana State University system, referred to as One MSU, collaboratively pursued a partnership with Hobsons to implement the Radius CRM to solve data and communication challenges that were hindering recruitment. Radius has since helped the Office of Admissions and Recruiting at this small, rural university streamline its workflows and to be more strategic in its recruitment efforts.

Winners will be announced in July at the company's annual user conference, at Hobsons University in Indianapolis.

Northern Alum Heads to Law School

Marissa Mahkuk, graduated from Northern's Business program in 2012. Since graduation, she worked for the Law firm of Scott, Tokerud & McCary and the Montana Department of Transportation in their Account Department. Those jobs gave her a love for law and accounting. She has been accepted into Missoula's Law program and plans to apply for their joint MBA program. Way to go Marissa, You make Northern proud!



Important Announcements

Attention Spring Graduates!

Federal Regulations REQUIRE all students who received a Federal Student Loan to attend an Exit Counseling Session upon completion of their program. Exit Counseling Sessions are available in the Library Computer Lab B during the following times:

Monday, April 24th @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

You will learn about the following information: Consolidating your Federal Student Loans, Repayment Options, Forbearance, Deferments. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions please contact: Karen Terrell @ (406) 265-3776 or stop in Cowan Hall 213 G, Financial Aid Office, to set up an appointment.

Join the Team - Career Opportunities

Do you know someone who would make a great addition to the Northern team? Then check out these great opportunities.

Nursing Director - [http://myersmcræ.com/skins/userfiles/files/MSUN-Nursing\(1\).pdf](http://myersmcræ.com/skins/userfiles/files/MSUN-Nursing(1).pdf)

Custodian II - <https://jobs.msun.edu/postings/1399>

Library Technician/LSC Program Assistant - <http://jobs.msun.edu/postings/1393>

For more information, contact the MSUN HR office at (406) 265-4147 or hr@msun.edu. MSUN is an Equal Opportunity Employer: Veterans, Disabled.

Upcoming Activities

Spring 2017 Campus Clean-up - Today

Campus clean-up is today at 3 p.m. sign in at the sub. Barbecue to follow.

Black Comedy Dinner Theatre - This Weekend in Chinook



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to bring dinner theatre back to the Hi-Line! MAT will present the show at the Beaver Creek Golf Course for two weeks, and then travel the show to the Chinook Eagles Club. The show, entitled Black Comedy, is a situational comedy of errors. Sculptor Brindsley Miller has "borrowed" furniture and art from the absent antique collector next door, hoping to impress his fiancée's pompous father and a wealthy art collector. Then a fuse blows, the father arrives, the fussy neighbor returns, and the fun begins! Unexpected guests, aging spinsters, errant phone cords and other snares impede his frantic attempts to return the purloined items before light is restored. Come enjoy a great dinner and a fun and lively farce!

April 22-23 - Eagles Club, Chinook

Doors and no host bar open at 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$30 includes dinner and show

\$200 table of 8 if purchased in advance

Tickets are available online at mtactors.com

Northern's Havre PRIDE - Apr. 22

Join us, tomorrow morning, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot next to Memorial Park (across from Tortilla Junction, formally Taco John's). Coffee and cinnamon rolls from Grateful Bread will be provided. The MSU-Northern team will clean 5th Avenue and the north side of the 13th Street hill. All the supplies necessary for clean-up will be provided. Don't forget to wear your Northern gear!

PLEASE RSVP to chancellor@msun.edu today to ensure we have enough cinnamon rolls for all our volunteers.

Mentor Monday MT in Havre - Apr. 24

The Power House Montana, an initiative of the Women's Foundation of Montana, will be in Havre facilitating an informational meeting about #MentorMondayMT and all the resources available to empower women in regards to opportunities they need to succeed. The first informational meeting in the area will take place Monday, April 24 at 6.00 p.m. at the MSUN Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. Those who are interested, please RSVP by Monday at noon by sending an email to mcc@msun.edu or by calling 265-3589.

2017 Retirement Celebration - Apr. 25

Please join us on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom as we honor the faculty and staff who will be retiring this year. The retirees are: Pam Civiletti, Kathy Jaynes, Bob Johnke, William Rugg, Janice Starr, William Swartz, Arlys Williams, and Katherine Williams.

Diverse Northern - Interview with Dr. William Rugg

In the next April 27th edition of Diverse Northern, Provost William Rugg says goodbye to MSUN reflecting on the time he spent in this institution and this community. The show airs every Thursday during the school year from 11.00 a.m. to noon at KNMC, 90.1 FM and online by linking to www.msun.edu/KNMC.

Diverse Northern includes music in languages other than English as well as invited guests. Like us on Facebook Diverse Northern: <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/> and Like on Facebook KNMC: <https://www.facebook.com/KNMC-901-FM-College-Radio-132839406764397/>

If you would like more information, or you would like to participate, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at 235-3589 or mcc@msun.edu. Currently looking to book guests for next fall, as well as readers who would like to share a summary of their favorite books in the section "Share the Book You Read." Attention students, also soon coming up the new section "Share the Paper You Wrote."

If you missed the live editions, you can always listen to the podcasts now available on the Diverse Northern Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/>

As Girls Go - In concert - Apr. 27

The ASMSUN Program council is bringing in a country duo act "As Girls Go" to perform in the SUB ballroom on the night of Thursday, April 27.

Tribute! - Apr. 29

On Saturday, April 29th, KNMC 90.1FM and the Montana Actor's Theatre will present a collaborative event titled: Tribute! This event will take place in the amphitheater behind Pershing Hall, also known as the KNMC amphitheater and will feature live music, food, & drinks. The event is free to the public and will run from 3pm to 8pm. It is recommended that attendees bring blankets and camp chairs.

Tribute! is an end of the semester/school year salute to the hard work of all of the students and staff at MSU-Northern. The live music will be provided by local tribute bands; each of which have formed specifically to perform at this event.

A tribute act, tribute band or tribute group is a music group, singer, or musician who specifically plays the music of a well-known music act.

10 tribute bands have formed out of Havre's diverse group of local musicians and they will be playing the music of:

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers - performed by "Dane the Torpedoes"

Carole King - performed by "Carole and the Tapestryes"

Led Zeppelin - performed by "Wooden Balloon"

Black Sabbath - performed by "War Pigs"

Dwight Yoakam - performed by "the Local Yoakams"

Creedence Clearwater Revival - performed by "Creedence Bullhook Revival"

Prince - performed by "Strawberry Visor"

Fleetwood Mac - performed by "Fleetwood Supply"

The Eagles - performed by "Plowed Under Easy Feeling"

3 Doors Down - performed by "Loser"

The Montana Actor's Theater is helping with the stage and costumes. Each band will be dress in the style of the band in which they are paying tribute.

Book Buy Back - May 1-5

If you are looking forward to \$\$\$ for your textbooks then the MSU-Northern Bookstore is the place to be. Book Buy Back will begin Monday, May 1 and run through Friday, May 5. Book Buy Back will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. Rental books will also need to be returned No Later than May 5.

PAS Golf Scramble - May 4

The MSU-Northern Postsecondary Agricultural Students (PAS) Club will be conducting a golf scramble on May 4, 2017 at Beaver Creek Golf Course. Registration is \$250 per four person team until April 20 and late registrations will be \$300. A calcutta auction will be held on May 3, 2017 with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the calcutta. Any proceeds from the scramble will support the MSU-N PAS Club. To register your team, call 406-521-0298.

Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame Dinner - May 5

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with MSU-Northern's Founder's Excellence Award presentation ceremony on May 5 in the Student Union Building Ballroom on MSU-Northern's campus. The 2017 Founders' Excellence Award recipients will be Gail Rader and Dr. Margaret Campbell. The 2017 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame are Steven C. Helm Jr ('98), Doug Kallenberger ('05) and Mike Leinwand ('99 & '04).

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and dinner is included. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the ceremony starts at 7 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation at (406) 265-3711.

Nurses Pinning - May 5

The MSUN nursing class of 2017 will be holding their pinning ceremony at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church on May 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

MSU-Northern Graduation - May 6

MSU-Northern's commencement ceremony is set for Saturday May 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. Ryan Zinke, the 52nd United States Secretary of the Interior, will deliver the commencement address.

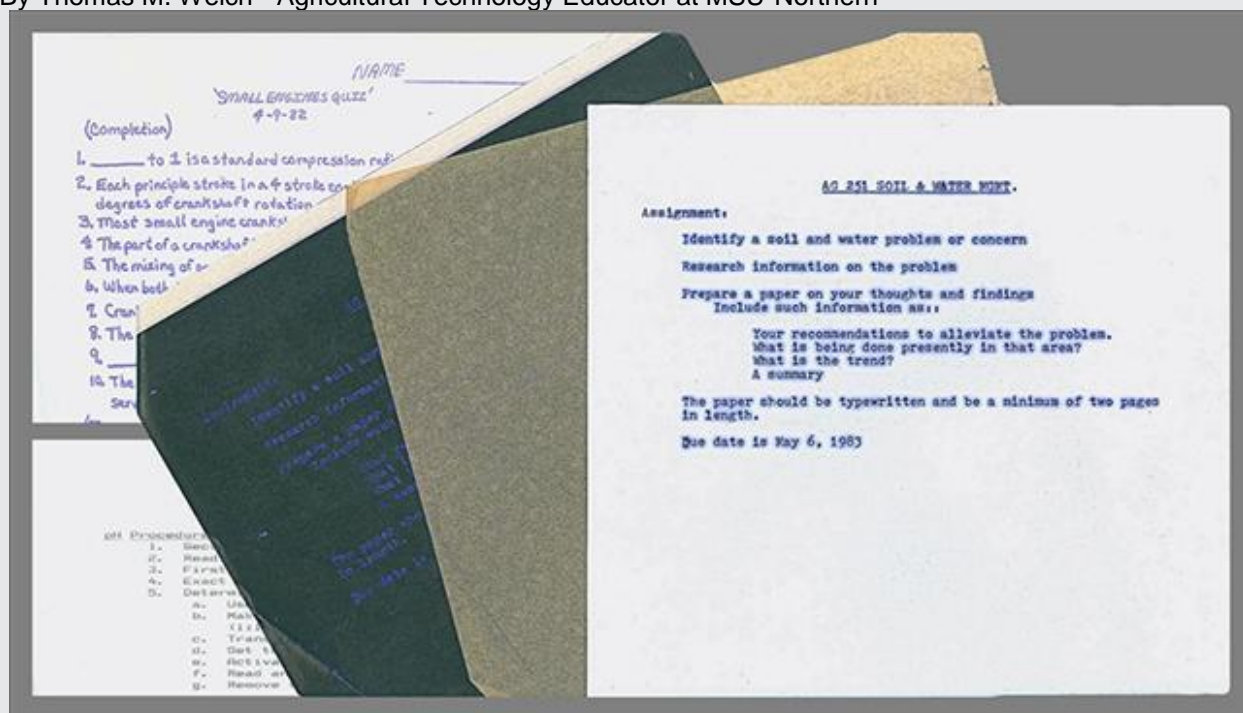
Bowtie Ball - May 6

ASMSUN is hosting the first annual Bowtie Ball on May 6th 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - midnight in the Donaldson Commons. There will be providing a DJ and MSU-Northern's Catering will be serving appetizers at the event. We also will have a local bar serve beer and wine. Student Senate plans to clean up and decorate Donaldson commons for this formal Ball. They are spearheading the efforts of the Donaldson Hall Restoration. All money raised from this event will go directly into the Donaldson Hall restoration project.

Weekly Columns

A Northern Technology Snapshot

By Thomas M. Welch - Agricultural Technology Educator at MSU-Northern



Northern Paper Trail

Paper, students, numbers and words have been ubiquitous elements in my career as an educator at Northern. I started teaching before faculty had easy access to copy machines and before we had laser printers and scanners. My tests, worksheets and handouts were created by typing or writing a master page on Ditto paper and making copies with a Ditto machine. Our Ditto machine in Brockmann Center was stationed outside my office. The Ditto machine had a rotating cylinder that made a whipping sound as each blue copy was printed and you old-timers will recall sniffing the sweet smell of alcohol based solvent that clung to fresh copies.

Our first word processors in the early 1980s were dedicated Digital Equipment Company (DEC) Rainbows. I used these for several years when preparing course materials. We had our secretary, Linda Keeler, print our master DEC documents via a really nice impact printer that she maintained at the front office. Later, faculty acquired desktop computers and very noisy dot-matrix printers. These printers were slow so we would often send our masters to the media center where Cliff Whittemore maintained a beast of a copier that could copy, collate and staple. Paper usage at Northern probably peaked around a time when Internet, laser printers, scanners, digital images and Ctrl-C and Ctrl-V invited faculty to inundate students with paper handouts. Today, D2L and digital media dissemination has significantly quieted our printers and copy machines. Paper, however, continues to be dominant in most of our campus learning environments and has left quite a trail of learning at Northern that would be difficult to duplicate. Ditto?

NOTE: No organic and renewable paper products were used or consumed in the creation and sharing of this article!

Computer Corner

By: Marianne Hoppe

Avoid Wide Gaps in Justified Text

Have you ever tried to block justify your paragraphs (make your right and left margins even) in a Word document and ended up with huge spaces between words? Instead of switching back to left justifying, try this:

1. Click the **File** tab.
2. Click **Options**.
3. Click **Advanced** and scroll to the bottom.
4. Under **Layout Options** check the box by **Don't expand character spaces on a line that ends with SHIFT+RETURN**.
5. Click **OK**.

If this doesn't work you can also try:

1. Select the block of justified text that contains the wide gaps.
2. Right-click on the selected text, and click **Format**.
3. On the **Advanced** tab, in the **Character Spacing** section, tick the **Kerning for fonts** box. "Kerning" is the spacing between characters and each font set has its own kerning. The font size listed after **Kerning for fonts** should match the size of the font in your paragraph and **Spacing** should be set to **Normal**. You may need to play around with these settings.
4. Click **OK**.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that Associate Professor, Dr. William Swartz Jr. has a relative, Addie Joss, who is enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame? If you are not familiar with the story on Addie Joss, it was Dr. William Swartz Sr., (the father of Northern Associate Professor, Dr. William Swartz Jr.) who in 1975 petitioned Baseball Hall of Fame Officials for Addie's induction. The reason it had to be petitioned was that, Addie had only played 9 years and not the required 10 years. In the spring of 1911, Addie fell ill from tubercular meningitis and died just three games into the season, but he had not yet pitched that season, thus falling short of the 10 year rule. In 1977 the rules committee agreed and Addie Joss was inducted in 1978. As the closet living relative (a first cousin once removed), Dr. William Swartz Sr. was in attendance and represented the Joss family at the 1978 induction ceremony in Cooperstown. In the book "Introduction Day at Cooperstown: A History of the Baseball Hall of Fame" by Denis Corcoran, Dr. William Swartz Sr. was quoted as saying, "It is with humble gratitude that I accept this plaque on behalf of the remaining relatives of Addie Joss."

Click here to see more information on Addie; <http://baseballhall.org/hof/joss-addie>

Here is an article from the Columbus Dispatch that was published in 2011.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/sports/2011/07/12/joss-all-star-game-art-gpodbhug-1.html>