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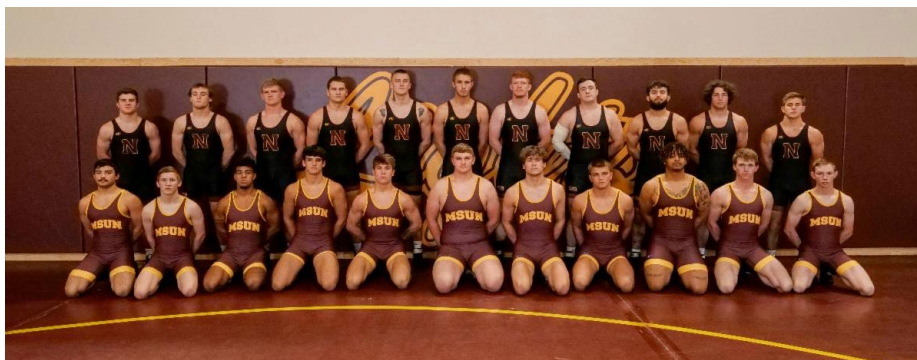
Lights Wrestling Finish Sixth Place at the CCC Tournament



The Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Men's Wrestling Tournament wrapped up in Prescott, Arizona, last weekend (Feb. 17-18). The Lights finished in sixth place with a score of 85 points. Martin Wilkie and NaKoda Siegel finished in second place and Carl Hansen took third place.

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Lights Wrestling Team Heads to Nationals



There are six MSU-Northern athletes with an automatic bid to go to the NAIA National Wrestling Championships on March 3rd and 4th in Wichita, Kansas. They are:

149 Martin Wilkie
165 Devin Crawford
174 Nakoda Siegel
174 Rysin Burns
184 Austin Vanek
197 Carl Hanson

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Men's & Women's Frontier Conference Basketball Tournament begins Sunday



The 2022-2023 Frontier Conference Basketball tournament will be played Sunday, Feb. 26 through Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls, Montana. The tournament has not been played at single location since the 2007-08 season. Montana Tech won the regular season title and received a first round bye. The conference tie-breaking procedure broke two ties and established the final seeding. Montana Tech received first round byes and the University of Providence is the second-seed and will also receive a first round bye.

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Senior Basketball Players Honored

SENIOR NIGHT



Last Saturday (Feb. 18), between the two home basketball games, the senior Skylights and Lights basketball players were honored for their many achievements during their time at Northern. The Skylights honored were Abbey Morse and Abbey Keltner. The Lights honored were Dylan “Chili” Chviliceck, TJ Reynolds, Antony Bragas, Immanuel Anderson, CJ Nelson, and Jesse Keltner. These senior athletes have given a ton to the MSU-Northern campus, basketball program, and community during their time as student-athletes. Congratulations, you make Northern proud!

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MSU-Northern Honors George Ferguson for 19 Years of Outstanding Sports Reporting



Athletic Director Christian Oberquell, Coach Huse and Coach Mouat recognized George Ferguson for covering MSU-Northern men's and women's basketball for the past 19 years. His stories are always honest and on-point. His writing has won him numerous awards over the years. His coverage of our teams has always been in-depth, and he's always made a point to highlight players with feature articles, especially when senior night comes around every year.

Christian Oberquell, Coach Huse and Coach Mouat and the Lights and Skylights would simply like to thank George for an amazing 19 years as Saturday marked his last games covering Northern's teams in the Armory. We wish both he and his wife Amy the very best as they embark on a new adventure. Thank you, George for all of your years of dedicated service to Northern and our community.

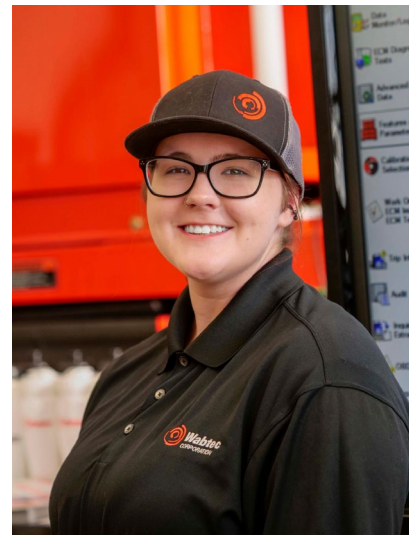
Wabtec Doubles Down on “Women of Wabtec” Scholarship

Wabtec, a longtime partner and supporter of MSU-Northern, recently finished funding their first scholarship for MSU-Northern students with the aim of increasing the diversity of Wabtec’s workforce. The “Women of Wabtec” (WOW) scholarship was created for female MSU-Northern students who are currently enrolled in the diesel technology program, are in good academic standing, and are involved with their community.

The inaugural recipient of the scholarship was Makena Silvey, a diesel technology student who finished her final semester at Northern in fall of 2022. Makena was interning for Wabtec at the time she was awarded the scholarship, and she was excited to be its first recipient. “I was really thankful for it because it helps cover a lot of tuition. It’s been really beneficial and very helpful, and it was very kind of them to do. It was a huge weight off my shoulders.” said Silvey.

Rick Reynolds, Wabtec’s Vice President of Field Service and Locomotive Maintenance, said that diversifying Wabtec’s workforce has been a long-term goal for the company, and that creating the Women of Wabtec scholarship is the first step toward making that happen. “I’ve been in the industry for 20 years, and we’re still not where we want to be from a diversity standpoint, most notably with our female employees. So last year, we took action, and we were able to provide a full-ride scholarship to MSU-Northern.”

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Brown Bag Lecture Shared the Effects of Alternative Fuels on Diesel Exhaust Emissions



The 2023 Brown Bag Lecture Series continued on Wednesday, (Feb. 22) with a presentation by Dr. Tony Gryffin, Assistant Professor of Integrated Health Sciences and Dr. Randy Maglinao, Senior Research Scientist at the Advanced Fuels Center. They shared, “The Effects of Alternative Fuels on Diesel Exhaust Emissions and the Role of Health Behavior in Harm Reduction.” Underground metal and nonmetal mine operators predominantly use diesel to power their equipment and vehicles. Creating effective strategies to reduce miner’s exposure to harmful diesel exhaust emissions is always a priority to both industry and scientific research. Dr. Gryffin and Dr. Maglinao presented an overview of their ongoing Montana INBRE Student-Focused Faculty Research Grant on investigating mineworker health behavior and exhaust emissions from alternative fuels. They also provided some insight into the value of grant-funded research projects to undergraduate students and the challenges of conducting health studies in this area. This research is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institute of Health.

Senator Tester Conducts a Farm Bill Listening Session



U.S. Senator Jon Tester was on campus yesterday (Feb. 23), to conduct one of his state-wide listening sessions for the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill. Senator Tester wants to hear directly from Ag producers, community leaders, and local officials in preparation for negotiating the 2023 Farm Bill. “Hearing from Montanans is the most important part of my job as a U.S. Senator,” said Tester. He wants to talk to producers and local leaders about what they need out of this year’s Farm Bill, he wants to bringing their feedback to Washington, D.C. and getting to work on legislation that helps our local farmers boost Montana’s small businesses and provides local law enforcement with the resources they need to keep our communities safe.

Some of the many people who shared ideas and concerns were Walt Schweitzer, President of the Montana Farmers Union; Rich Roth, President of the Montana Stockgrowers Association; Dean Rogge, President of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts; Nathan Keane, President of the Montana Grain Growers Association; Leon LaSalle, President of the Rocky Boy’s Cattlemens Association; and Megan Hedges, President of Montana Farm Bureau for Hill/Liberty/Blaine Counties.

The MAT Production of *Misery* in Last Weekend



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present this well-known psychological thriller based on Stephen King's novel *Misery*. It is a story about a successful romance novelist, Paul Sheldon, who is rescued from a car crash by his "number one fan," Annie Wilkes, and wakes up captive in her secluded home. While Paul is convalescing, Annie reads his latest book and becomes enraged when she discovers the author has killed off her favorite character, Misery Chastain. Annie forces Paul to write a new *Misery* novel, and he quickly realizes Annie has no intention of letting him go anywhere.

This MAT version features Andi Daniel as Annie Wilkes, Jay Pyette as Paul Sheldon, Bill Dolph as Buster, directed by Anjanett Hawk, and produced by Independence Bank.

Misery's final shows will run on Feb. 24-25. It is free to MSU-Northern students with a valid student ID.

[Click Here for Tickets...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations Now Open for 2023 Student Excellence Awards

Nominations for the 2023 Student Excellence Awards are now being accepted!

Since 1982, Northern has taken time each spring semester to lift up and make known the achievements of a number of students who have exemplified a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement and significant student engagement.

Specific criteria for nominations can be found on the attached Nomination Form. Any member of the Northern community can nominate a student they believe exemplifies excellence, as outlined in the criteria provided. To nominate a student, please ensure the Nomination Form is submitted to the Dean of Students Office (Cowan Hall 105) by **5 PM on Wednesday, March 1st**. Electronic submissions are preferred and may be sent to deanofstudents@msun.edu.

Important Deadlines

Mar 2th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon
Mar 13th-17th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SSS Celebrates National TRiO Day – Feb. 25

Student Support Services will celebrate National TRiO Day on Saturday, February 25, by helping prepare, serve, and clean up after the daily lunch service at Feed My Sheep Community Soup Kitchen in Havre.



For many programs, National TRiO Day is a tradition and provides an opportunity for students who have benefitted from the many TRiO programs, such as Student Support Services (SSS) at MSUN, to serve their local

communities. This year SSS will celebrate National TRiO Day by volunteering at the Feed My Sheep Community Soup Kitchen (611 2nd Street, Havre). SSS is inviting students to serve with them from 9:45 am – 1:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome to come for all or part of the shift to help in preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the daily lunch service. If possible, let Matt Erdel (265-3745) or another SSS staff member (Cowan Hall 211) know if you plan to attend in order to best coordinate volunteers.

Watch Night Party – Mar. 9

The library will host a watch party in the Northern Brew area of the library with free pizza (as supplies last) and soda for attendees!

- **Date:** March 9th, 2023 from 6 - 7:30 pm on Zoom
- **Program Description:** *Thunderous* is a children's graphic novel grounded in contemporary Indigenous experiences while also centering traditional Lakota ways of knowing, language and identity. The authors will share highlights of how the book came to life and read a selection.
- **Registration Link:** https://mt-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v6f8xHA-RW-X220N5fN8rA

Next Brown Bag Lecture – March 22

Next month's lecture – "Building a Brand for Small Businesses and Organizations" – will be presented on Wednesday, March 22, from 1 to 2pm by Mary Ward, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Friday, February 24

- Open Skate – Havre Ice Dome -6:45-7:45 PM - Free with Student ID
- MAT presents: Misery – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 25

- Celebrate National Trio Day – Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen – 9:45AM-1PM
- Ski/Snowboard – Bear Paw Ski Bowl - 10:30 AM-4 PM - Free with Student ID
- MAT presents: Misery – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8:00 PM - Free with Student ID

Sunday, February 26

- Ski/Snowboard – Bear Paw Ski Bowl - 10:30 AM-4 PM - Free with Student ID
- Open Skate – Havre Ice Dome 5-6:30 PM - Free with Student ID

- Frontier Conference BB Tournament – Four Seasons Arena GF

Monday, February 27

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Tuesday, February 28

- Frontier Conference BB Tournament – Four Seasons Arena GF

Thursday, March 2

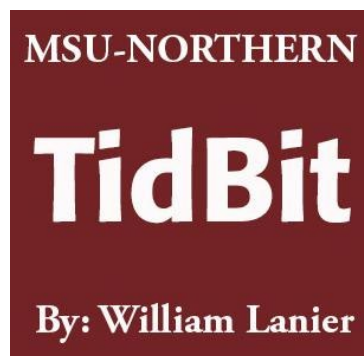
- Midterm grades due - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday, March 3

- Lights Wrestling @ NAIA National Championships
- Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 75% Due

Saturday, March 4

- Lights Wrestling @ NAIA National Championships



(#386) Tribute to Todd Donovan

Back in the fall of 1982, I met a fellow freshman at Northern Montana College by the name of Todd Donovan. I specifically remember three things about Todd, from that time, one was how out going and personable he was, second his love for basketball, and third his smile! Fast forward 40 years and those still hit the mark when talking to Todd! Just seeing Todd or thinking of him brings a smile, because that is Todd Donovan.

For many years Todd had been the official scorekeeper for Northern and the 9C Tournament. While it has been a few years since he was Northern's official scorekeeper, he has continued as the 9C Tournament official scorekeeper. This past weekend was Todd's final as he has decided to step away.



Todd Donovan - 1984 Northerner



Todd Donovan – Feb. 22, 2023
Photo by: Carol Bymaster Gabrielson

This past weekend Carol Bymaster Gabrielson posted a tribute to Todd Donovan on her Portrait of a Pony Facebook Page.

Here is that tribute.

“If you have ever attended the 9C District Basketball Tournament in Havre, you have, no doubt, seen Todd Donovan sitting at the scorer’s table.

Todd has been keeping basketball scorebooks in Havre for the past 35 years. The 9C Tournament this past weekend was his final time for keeping the official scorebook.

Todd has been around basketball and scorebooks pretty much his whole life. His dad kept the books for KG until Todd and his sisters graduated. Todd started keeping the books at MSU-Northern in 1988 and did so for 15 years. He took a couple years off to watch his own kids compete in junior high but was then asked to start keeping the books for Havre High School. He started at HHS in 2003 and has been doing them ever since.

He started keeping the books for the 9C Tournament back when it was still being held at MSU-Northern and has continued to keep books for that tournament all these years.

When I asked Todd if he had any favorite memories and what he liked most about keeping the books, he said, “Just watching the kids. I love basketball, so that made it easy. I’ve seen blowouts and overtime games, buzzer beaters and near misses. I think the North Star buzzer beater (on Saturday) ranks very close to the top of the games.”

Todd has watched a lot of kids grow up over the years. He kept the books when Kari (Fike) Filius was playing for Northern, and he kept the books when her daughters were playing for Havre High.

Keeping the official scorebook takes a lot of attention, especially when things are happening so quickly. Todd’s been doing it for so long that it’s second nature for him. He can watch and enjoy the games, while keeping the books accurate. He did admit that he gets excited every once in a while, like a normal fan, but he just can’t say anything. He’s also a little superstitious and puts the blame for one certain loss on himself. When Sherry Winn was coaching at Northern, Todd always used the same pens throughout the whole season. He forgot his pens one day. That game went into overtime, and Northern lost. That was the only time Coach Winn lost at home while coaching for Northern.

Todd has had a front row seat to so many games, and he has seen and heard things that most of us don’t ever know even happened. He says, “Some things were funny, some were sad, and some were unbelievable, but most were good.” He’s worked with a lot of good coaches and good refs at both the college and high school levels, and he’s had fun working with them.

Todd sums it up with such a positive outlook. “I’m just glad I had the opportunity to do this and for so long. I could keep going, but figured it’s time to let someone else have the opportunity I had. I’m sure I’ll miss it, but now I can sit back, watch a game, and enjoy some popcorn. It’s been a fun ride!”

Todd is looking forward to spending more time with his family and watching his grandson in Butte compete in sports. Although I am very happy for him, I’m sure going to miss looking across the court and seeing him at the scorer’s table.

Thank you, Todd, for loving basketball enough to dedicate 35 years to keeping the books for this community and the area teams. You are greatly appreciated.

Carol Bymaster Gabrielsen
2/19/2023”

Todd’s legacy at Northern will continue as his son Dr. Casey Donovan is currently an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Northern.

Thank you Carol for allowing me to use your write up and thank you to Todd for all you have done! You both make Northern proud!

Please continue to check back for more NNN TidBits! If you see anything that you would like me to highlight, please send it to me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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