

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Week on Campus

Northern Remembers 9/11



Montana State University - Northern held a Flag Memorial and Moment of Silence by the courtyard clock yesterday in memory of those who died in the tragedy of September 11, 2001. The event included a 21-Gun Salute by the Rocky Boy American Legion Color Guard, the singing of the national anthem by China Bohn, and comments by Chancellor Greg Kegel and Criminal Justice professor Michael DiBrizzi who was part of the New York police department when the tragedy happened. The memorial concluded with DiBrizzi leading everyone in a moment of silence. Everyone was encouraged to write down a memory from that event and attach it to one of the flags in the courtyard.

MPSEOC College Fair Begins at Northern



MSU-Northern hosted the first College Fair on the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) three-week tour. Sixty-five colleges were on hand to talk to over 200 students from 10 high schools from across the Hi-Line. MSU-Northern recruiters will be on the road for the next three weeks visiting with high school students around Montana with the Eastern, Central and Western Montana MPSEOC tours. This week the tour includes Havre, Glasgow, Plentywood, Sidney, Glendive, Miles City, and Colstrip.

Student Success Story - Hollyn Cardani

MSU-Northern agriculture student Hollyn Cardani isn't your average college pupil. Pursuing a bachelor's degree alone is difficult and demanding work, and yet Cardani has still carved out time for extracurricular activities and has been an integral part of the Collegiate Stockgrowers group on campus. Even with her busy schedule, in 2012, Cardani and her boyfriend made the daring decision to begin raising their own cattle herd.

Cardani comes by her love of animals naturally, as that same love relocated her father Steve Cardani from the East Coast to Montana following his high school graduation. Finally in the early 90s, he acquired his first Black Angus cows and invented his family brand. Steve shared his adoration for the animals by purchasing a cow for each of his three children and allowing the kids to reap the monetary benefits from the calf sales of their cows. Cardani's gutsy move to start her own cattle business alongside her boyfriend is a testament to the strong ranch family upbringing that was cultivated deep inside her.

Cardani will graduate in the spring with her degree in agriculture operations technology and a minor in agriculture mechanics. As Cardani confidently marches forward in life, the future is bright. She said, "I am hopeful we will be able to find a piece of land to raise and increase our cattle herd where I can put my degree to good use. With the cattle market at the highest it's ever been, there's never been a better time to be in the cattle



business, and that's just where I plan on staying." Cardani is an inspiration to any young aspiring rancher. Hollyn Cardani, you make Northern proud. For complete story visit:

<http://mtstockgrowersblog.com/2014/09/02/montana-rancher-q-and-a-hollyn-cardani-havre/>

Get Your "Big N" Today!

Show your school spirit by decorating and displaying your "Big N." Any person, department or business that wants to participate can pick up an assembled or unassembled "Big N" kit from the Chamber of Commerce or SUB info desk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.). Campus clubs and departments can charge their N against their department account but they must get them through Denise Brewer in the SUB if you are charging your department account. The unassembled kit costs \$30 and contains pre-cut wood to build and paint an "N." The assembled kit costs \$50 and simply requires decoration. We are trying to get as many "N's" on and off campus as possible.

Office of Diversity Awareness & Multicultural Programs Open House



The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs held an open house this week in their room in Cowan Hall. The event was meant to inform people of all the resources available through their office and to build unity and multicultural awareness. As people came to share refreshments and browse the mini diversity library, there was a great atmosphere of openness and acceptance. We expect to see great things from this program throughout the coming school year and beyond.

MSU-Northern Community Choir Begins



The Montana State University-Northern Community Choir held their first practice this week. The choir is directed by Angela Pratt on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. in the Pershing Hall music room at MSU-Northern. If you happened to miss this first practice, it's not too late for you. Just come to the next practice, and you can jump right into this diverse group of singers from both Havre, MSU-N, and the surrounding area.

"Once Upon a Time in Ancient Greece"



The Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series hosted the Montana Repertory Theatre's Fall Educational Outreach performance, "Once Upon a Time in Ancient Greece," last Monday. The presentation was a comedy by Laramie Dean about Stheno's sisterly revenge for the death of Medusa. The story was a quick 50-minute performance utilizing only three actors and involved Greek masks, puppetry, shadow play, and illusion. It turned out to be an enthralling performance. If you're interested in seeing similar upcoming entertainment and learning opportunities, please visit the website to see the Fall 2014 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

Students Discuss Tobacco Free Campus

Wednesday night, the ASMSUN (Student Senate) hosted their first open forum in Hensler Auditorium. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of Northern becoming a tobacco free campus. This represents the first in a series of monthly meetings designed to get students talking about campus issues. "I was very pleased with the turnout and the discussion that took place. This is not an easy decision and it will impact the entire campus so it is very important that we get as much feedback as possible. One thing it proved to me is that we will need to do more of these meetings," said Andrew Potter, Student Senate President. The topic for the next Student Senate open forum will be student fees.

KNMC Radio Station Holds First Meeting

Northern's radio station, KNMC, held their first meeting for those interested in becoming disc jockeys during the school year. This was an important meeting full of helpful information. If you missed the meeting and are still interested in getting involved, just call 265-3709 to see how you can become a DJ.

Blood Drive

This week Northern hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. As always, the campus family showed tremendous support, and donated a great amount of life-giving blood. The Red Cross thanks Northern for their continual participation each year and their willingness to give so that others may live. Over 105 people came to give blood!

Montana Student Nurses Volunteer Overseas

A group of 30 Montana nursing students and their faculty will be volunteering abroad in Kathmandu Nepal. They will be going through a volunteer organization called ELI Abroad. While in Kathmandu, they will be volunteering their time, expertise, experience, and education to assist the underprivileged masses of children in the orphanages, hospitals, clinics, and rural villages that are desperately in need of healthcare. This trip will take place in May of 2015. The 3 week trip to Kathmandu will cost around \$2500 per person for airfare, room, and board, making the grand total \$75,000. The team needs to fundraise to provide for some or all of the remaining funds for this trip. All donations are tax deductible, and you can donate on our funding site at:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/montana-student-nurse-international-volunteers-2/x/7958572>

Donations can also be made through the mail if sent to: MSU-N Nursing Department 300 W 11th St. Havre MT 59501

Besides going to the Indiegogo page to donate and select perks you can also participate in one of our fundraisers. Our first one is Cowpie Bingo and the details are in the article below in the "Upcoming Events" section.

Important Announcements

Confirm Your Attendance

Students, please make sure you've confirmed your attendance for fall 2014 in order to avoid late fees and being dropped from your courses. You can confirm your attendance online through MyInfo, or stop in and do so at the Business Office in Cowan Hall. Also, please print, complete, and return the [Student Insurance & Tuition Payment Form](#) to MSU-N Business Services today!

Upcoming Events

Big Sky Region Rodeo- Sept. 12-14



Beginning Friday and running until Sunday, the Big Sky Region Rodeo #3 will be held in Havre's Great Northern Fairgrounds. Come out and support MSU-Northern's rodeo team members. The Friday performance will take place at 7 p.m. The Saturday Slack will run at 10 a.m. with the Saturday night performance at 7 p.m. which will include the wild bronc ride event. Saturday night there will also be a kids' stick horse ride behind the bleachers. Admission will be \$5 per person, but MSUN students, faculty, and staff can get in for free with their I.D.s.

Dueling Pianos- Sept. 16

All across North America, the Dueling Piano concept is taking the entertainment industry by storm. Dueling pianos, also known as "sing-along," is a performance put on by two professional pianists who sing and entertain with music and humor based off interaction from the audience. The attendees request tunes ranging from Beethoven to Justin Bieber's "Baby."

The history of this exuberant piano banter dates all the way back to the 1890s, when ragtime piano players would "duel" in hopes of beating their opponent in speed and skill. B.H. O'Brien and Charlie Cantrell opened Pat O'Brien's Bar in New Orleans in 1933, and they added a venue wherein two piano players could duel and delight the crowd on copper-topped baby grand pianos, taking turns singing songs requested by the audience, written on cocktail napkins.

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern is sponsoring "Dueling Pianos-Vegas Style" on September the 16th at 7 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Student Union Ballroom. Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/students for community members and free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Don't miss this amazing show of talent!

Festival Days Parade - Sept. 20

Havre's annual Festival Days is coming up! The official dates are September 19-21. Northern is always a big part of the Festival Days and is once again the official sponsor of the Festival Days Parade, so we want to have as many campus groups represented as possible. If you plan to have a float in the parade (which will start at 10 a.m. on the 20th) or would like to help decorate a float, please contact Jim Potter (ex. 3727) so he can coordinate Northern's portion of the parade. Northern will be at the head of the parade. Contact Jim for more details.

Death by Chocolate - Sept. 20

The Montana Actors' Theatre is pleased to present their 6th annual "Death by Chocolate" at 5:30 p.m. on September the 20th in the St. Jude's Gym. The evening will feature games, auctions, raffles and a murder mystery dinner theatre based on the classic detective game, "Clue." The dinner will be hosted by the St. Jude's Booster Club. They tell me the menu is to DIE for. Tickets are \$35/person or \$50/ couple and are available at Angie's Wildflowers or at www.mtactors.com.

Cowpie Bingo- Sept. 20

Cowpie Bingo is a fundraiser benefitting the Montana Nurses' trip to help people in Nepal by working in hospitals, clinics, rural villages, and orphanages providing needed medical care. Here's how the fundraiser works: Buy a square for \$25. Pay with cash or check. On the day of the event, attend and encourage the cow to poop in your square. If you are the winning square, you will take home \$1250. You can buy multiple squares and purchase squares in your business's name as well as a personal name (be sure to leave us a phone number to call the winner on).

To buy squares mail check to: MSU-N Nursing 300 W 11th St. Havre MT 59501 - be sure to include the name you want on each square, the number of squares you are purchasing, and the phone number to call if you win. All checks should be made out to Eli Abroad and on checks for \$100 or more a tax receipt will be mailed out to the address on the check.

The event will be held on Saturday, September the 20th 2014 at 1 p.m. at the Hill County Fairgrounds midway.

The nursing group will be having other fundraisers throughout the year to help reach their goal. You can keep up on the fundraisers by watching their Facebook page or emailing them to join their mailing list.

Email address: mtstudentnursevolunteers@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MTnursevolunteersinnepal>

To make a donation by credit card, debit card, or paypal visit our funding site:

Indiegogo: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/montana-student-nurse-international-volunteers-2/x/7958572>

If you are able or unable to contribute, please help spread the word about our campaign. We need all the help we can get!

Homecoming - Sept. 27

Homecoming is coming up! MSU-N Student Clubs - Register your organizations and nominate your homecoming candidates by September 12.

Here's the list of the upcoming homecoming activities:

Saturday September 20

- Festival Days Parade at 10 a.m.

Monday September 22

- Campus-wide door decorating competition (all day)
- Smudging and teepee raising ceremony- 10 a.m.
- Tour of the Lois and Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Plains Indian- 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday September 23

- Homecoming elections online (all day)
- Hello walk painting 1- 4 p.m.
- Lecture on current Indian issues- TBA

Wednesday September 24

- Homecoming elections online (all day)
- Beadwork workshop and Indian taco sale- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cowan Hall room 308
- Be the One tailgate- 5-7 p.m. Food Court
- Pie the homecoming candidates- 6 p.m. SUB Courtyard

Thursday September 25

- Homecoming elections online (all day)
- Round Dance and berry soup and bread- 12 noon SUB Ballroom
- Bonfire and hotdogs- 9 p.m. Physical Plant

Friday September 26

- 2nd Annual Glow Run 5K- 8 p.m. Meet at the SUB

Saturday September 27

- Lights football vs. Southern Oregon- 1 p.m. Havre Blue Pony Stadium
- Homecoming dance 9 p.m. SUB Ballroom

Weekly Articles

Best Ways to Spend Your Refund Check

By Karen Terrell

I hope you find the following information helpful in guiding you towards financial success:

Smart Money Management Tips:

- * Use your refund check for educational related expenses
- * Develop a budget
- * Be realistic about your budget
- * Pay down debt - loans and credit cards
- * Include savings as an "expense" in your budget
- * Ask yourself if an expenditure is a "need" or a "want"
- * Keep receipts and bills organized and pay your bills on time

Spend Your Money Wisely

If you receive a financial aid refund, the money is meant to help you pay for unbilled educational expenses, like books, rent (if living off campus), transportation, etc. If you don't have a permanent source of financial means, you might need some of that refund check on a rainy day. Put your refund check aside and you will have some money to fall back on as an alternative in case other monetary sources fail.

Don't forget that student loans are meant to be paid back as soon as you finish school. Loans add up each year. You will be paying back your student loans for 10 to 20 years after graduation.

Budgeting Empowers You!

Organize your finances with a budget so that you are in control...not guessing whether you are able to meet your expenses every month. Developing and following a spending plan should be an empowering experience. With a little preparation and foresight you can save yourself a lot of money and stress!

For more information on managing your money, please contact me anytime, I will be more than happy to help guide you on your financial journey.

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Wednesday, September the 17th is Constitution Day! On September 17, 1787 the United States Constitution was signed at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Thirty-nine courageous men (including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson) put their signatures at the bottom of a document that began with the following words-"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union ..." Come in next week to visit the Constitution Day display at the library. For more information about the Constitution and Constitution Day, you can visit www.constitutioncenter.org or www.constitutionday.com.

Resource of the Week: The Chronicle of Higher Education is one of the major newspapers in the higher education field. The Vande Bogart Library has an electronic subscription to the Chronicle. While on campus, you can read the Chronicle at <http://chronicle.com>. When off campus, go to the library's databases page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>) and login with your NetID username and password on the MSU-Libraries-Login screen. Click on the "News" tab and select the current issue to read the most recent articles

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Office 2013 Tip

Convert a document to PDF

When you are using Office 2013, if someone asks you to send your work as a PDF you have the ability to save your document as a PDF file. Here is how one way do this in Word:

1. Click the **File** tab.
2. Click **Save As**.
3. Select where you want to save the file and give it a name.
4. From the **Save as type** list, click PDF (*.pdf).
 1. If you want the file to open in the selected format after saving, select the **Open file after publishing** check box.
 2. If the document requires high print quality, click **Standard (publishing online and printing)**.
 3. If the file size is more important than print quality, click **Minimum size (publishing online)**.
5. Click **Options**: if the document will be published on the web be sure the **Document properties** box in the Include non-printing information section is **UN**checked. You can also choose which pages to print and whether markup should be printed, Click **OK** when finished.
6. Then click **Save**

You can also use the **Export** option (also found on the **File** tab) to save documents in PDF.

The option to create PDF files is available in Access, Excel, OneNote, PowerPoint, Project, Publisher, Visio and Word.

Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

Run-on sentences have plagued writers and editors with grief for years upon years. There are various ways to correct run-on sentences. Today I'd like to focus on how to use the semicolon to fix an incorrectly structured sentence; it is a simple fix.

Instead of incorrectly using a comma between two sentences that seem so closely related one feels they must abide in the same sentence, use a semicolon instead (see Strunk and White's *The Elements of Style* rule five, page five). It is meant to connect two independent clauses of equal value or status. The use of a semicolon in this situation says to readers, "Notice the tight connection here." For instance:

Instead of: There is a similarity between chocolate and poetry, it is a similarity worth noting.
This is correct: There is a similarity between chocolate and poetry; it is a similarity worth noting.

It seems too simple, switching from a comma to a semicolon, but the semicolon is the antidote our language calls for when using two such closely related independent clauses. Please use the semicolon, dear readers. Use it well.

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