

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Past Week*

## We Love Northern Ball Recap



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This year's We Love Northern Ball had a Hollywood Lights theme. The most significant change to the ball this year was the elimination of silent and live auctions. Attendees donated directly to the scholarship fund. The change was well received by attendees. The evening was enjoyable, and the event raised over \$36,000 towards student scholarships.

## Spring Enrollment Up

Northern's enrollment is up 18 students from the 2015 spring semester. We hope to see even more growth as the new Diesel Technology Center begins construction and we continue to expand and enhance our recruiting and retention efforts.

## Spring Career Fair



The Armory Gymnasium was bustling with activity on Monday, February 8th as Northern hosted the spring career fair. The Career Center brought 42 employers to campus for the event. Students interviewed with seven employers for openings for co-ops and full-time placement.

GE Transportation and Wartsila were the two Gold Sponsors, while Frontier Electric, Torgersons, Northern Rockies Medical Center, and Mountain View Co-op were the Maroon Sponsors. This year, 26 of the 42 employers did not list diesel technology as their primary major/degree of focus. Instead, taking over the interest in degree categories were; agriculture operations technology, business, civil engineering technology, criminal justice, electrical technology, and nursing. Feedback from all employers was very positive, many stated that they were impressed with how many students arrived with appropriate questions about the companies and organizations. The employers who interviewed were also impressed with the quality of students who interviewed for various positions.

The Career Center would like to thank everyone for their help in setting up and tearing down for the big day. A special thank you goes out to all of the crews in the Athletic Department, Physical Plant, University Relations, Food Services, Event Coordinator, Media Center, Vande Bogart Library, Administration Office, and IT Department. All of your hard work and willingness to give up your offices for interview rooms is greatly appreciated! The faculty who attended, brought students, released students from class to attend, or gave assignments and extra credit to their students to attend also deserve a big pat on the back! At last count, there were almost 300 students at the fair, which is very close to what we had in the fall.

## Singer/Songwriter Lakin Dazzles Northern Audience



Powerful musical performer, Lakin, held a concert at MSU-Northern yesterday. With a voice sweeter than honey, Lakin's combination of genre-defying musical styles, stunning melodic gifts, beauty, and warmth shone through in her heartfelt lyrics and powerful performances. She dazzled the crowd.

Visit [www.lakinmusic.com](http://www.lakinmusic.com) for more information.

## The Dating Game Northern Style



Yesterday Northern's Chi Alpha club hosted a fun-filled event in the spirit of love, friendship, and Valentine's Day. They took the format of the 60s TV game show *The Dating Game* and tweaked it to create a competition for students. Northern Ambassador, Faith Martin, was the female contestant attendees could vie for a date with, and Northern football player and Northern's 2015 Mr. Irresistible, Matt McKeen, won the \$50 gift certificate to Uncle Joe's for a date with Faith, and Emma Massar won the identical date prize with Matt.

## MSUN Wrestling Takes on Iowa Hawkeyes - Tonight!

A promotional graphic for a wrestling match. The background shows two wrestlers in action. In the top left is the Iowa Hawkeyes logo (a yellow hawk head in a black circle). In the top right, text reads "TICKETS • 265-3761" and "RESERVED: \$15 • GENERAL: \$10". In the center, "IOWA HAWKEYES" is written in yellow, followed by a large purple "VS" with a yellow outline. In the bottom left, it says "ARMORY GYMNASIUM" and "FEB 12 @ 7PM" in white. In the bottom right is the Northern Lights logo (a white stylized figure in a purple circle) and the text "NORTHERN LIGHTS" in purple.

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**IOWA HAWKEYES**

**VS**

**ARMORY GYMNASIUM**  
**FEB 12 @ 7PM**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Today MSU-Northern, 6 time NAIA National Wrestling Champions, will 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 I.D. but are encouraged to get their general admission ticket in advance from the athletic office. If you want a reserved seat, the cost is \$15.

### Safe Zone Module II

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This week, those who participated in the Safe Zone module I were able to participate in module II, and several did. Participation in this module was required to become a recognized "Safe Zone Ally". The focus of module II was "ally development" which was facilitated by Amber Spring, Student Support Services Counselor.

## MSUN Celebrates Chinese/Lunar Year



Every year more and more people are celebrating Chinese/Lunar New Year in the United States. MSUN's celebration included a presentation on the meaning of this holiday, the importance of making fu, and a brief training on chopstick technique. Karey Kohlman, member of the MSUN Diversity Committee, and her daughter Kim took a very active role in the celebration. Kim explained that the use of color red is used during this holiday as a symbol of luck. She also described that making fu (red ornaments) is an important tradition in the Chinese culture since red fu represent prosperity. Fu are placed upside down on doors and windows. During the chopstick demonstration, Kim mentioned that the utensils have been used in China since distant times, because long ago, Chinese people would never consider using sharp objects at the table. The event concluded with an enjoyable meal of lemon chicken, traditional sticky noodles, vegetables, and green tea. Thank you to all MSUN students and community members who attended.

## *Important Announcements*

### **Presidents' Day- No Classes- Monday, Feb. 15**

### **Student Excellence Award Nominations Due- Feb. 26**

The Student Excellence Award is Northern's most prestigious student award. It's time to nominate the students who have truly been shining Northern Lights this year. The deadline for nominations is: 5 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016.

Undergraduate Nomination Criteria (up to 10 recipients):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities
- Any current student who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester, and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

Graduate Student Criteria (1 recipient):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through the academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities, including demonstration of leadership in their work setting and/or community.
- Any current graduate student who will have earned the equivalent of 50 percent of the graduate program's credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

Previous recipients of the Student Excellence Award are not eligible. Nomination forms are available at room 204 in the SUB. For more information, contact Kim Watson at [kimberly.watson5@msun.edu](mailto:kimberly.watson5@msun.edu).

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Open Educational Resources**

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

This week's topic: Open Educational Resources. OERs are lesson plans, modules, activities, assessments, or any other educational material that has been released to the public domain for any instructor to use in their own classrooms. There are thousands of OERs available for nearly every subject. At Tech Snacks we'll show you where to find them and how to use them.

We'll also talk about an exciting stipend opportunity (yes, we'll pay you!) to develop and present your own OER in cooperation with the Little River Institute.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, February the 12th 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.

### **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 and 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*

### **Friends of Havre/Hill Library Pie Social - Feb. 12**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Friends of the Havre/Hill County Library Pie Social will take place on February 12 from noon until 4 p.m. Each February, community members bake pies, and friends of the library come to buy a slice and a cup of coffee. There will also be various cookbooks on sale at the event. All proceeds go directly to the library, so whether you'd like to bake a pie and donate it or simply stop by for a yummy slice of pie, you can support our local library with your participation in this annual event.

### **Give Local: Have a Heart for Hill County - Feb. 13**

The Hill County Community Foundation (HCCF), in partnership with United Way, is hosting "Give Local: Have a Heart for Hill County" Saturday February the 13th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Holiday Village Mall. This event is an opportunity for community members to learn more about Hill County nonprofit organizations as well as opportunities to volunteer in their community.

The HCCF supports all area nonprofits, through grants from its endowment fund. HCCF seeks your support of area nonprofits through donation of your time and talents in volunteer efforts.

### **Community Celebrates Chinese New Year Celebration - Feb. 13**

The Havre Foreign Friends' Club is inviting the community to a second Chinese New Year celebration. It will take place February 13 at 7 p.m. at the China Garden Restaurant in the Holiday Village Mall. This event is supported by China Garden and the ODAMP. Those who are interested, please contact the MSUN Multicultural Center 265-3589 for more information.

## **MAT's Valentine's Day Burlesque and Martini Event- Feb. 13**

Montana Actors' Theatre and Chad Spangler will present a Valentine's Day burlesque and martinis event on Saturday, February 13 at Havre's Historic Post Office. The evening will begin with social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m., and the show at 8 p.m. The Cigarette Girls Burlesque and Minnie Tonka will entertain attendees throughout the evening. Tickets to this event include dinner and all drinks including specialty martinis. You can purchase tickets at: <http://www.mtactors.com>

## **YouTube Karaoke- Feb. 17**

Last spring, Northern started a monthly karaoke night, and it was a huge hit. Come on down to the SUB Ballroom, and sing your heart out! We don't judge! Leave the books for a couple of hours, and join in on the fun - a great stress reliever and a great time, sponsored by ASMSUN Program Council. YouTube Karaoke will take place on Wednesday, February 17 from 7-10 p.m. in the SUB.

## **Havre Bridal Fair- Feb. 20**

Visit the Holiday Village Mall during Havre's annual bridal fair, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is for brides and shoppers alike. It's a chance for a jump start on your wedding planning or a chance to discover a great new product. Some of the participating vendors will include: Beya, Roses File-N-Style, Destination Travel, Live Real Media, Snowy River Candles, Flynn Realty, Skeleton Key Photography, and Clockwork Cakes.

If you are interested in having a booth, please contact the Mall Office at 406-265-2533.

## **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:

### ***ON THE ICE* - Tues. Feb. 23**

Tragedy, friendship, and responsibility in an Iñupiat community

### ***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"

## **History, Stories and Singing Intertwined in Upcoming Lecture - Mar. 1**

The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series is proud to present "Meagher of the Sword: Montana's Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher" with Neal Lewing on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The presentation will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Neal Lewing, an actor, singer/songwriter, recording artist, playwright, poet, storyteller, author and historian presents the story, in folklore, music, and his own words, of the man commemorated in the statue that graces the Montana State Capitol's front lawn.

Thomas Francis Meagher lived a colorful life of adventure, from humble beginnings in Ireland to Montana's governor. In between, he led Irish rebels, escaped from Van Diemen's Land, toured the United States on a lecture circuit, designed the Irish tricolor flag, and distinguished himself as a Civil War general. His final disappearance in Ft. Benton remains an unsolved mystery.

Lewing is also a presenter for the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau, and this program is a part of that program.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## Weekly Columns

### TidBits

By Bill Lanier

Tonight the #2 ranked NAIA Northern Lights wrestling team will be hosting the #2 ranked NCAA Division I University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team. While this is not the first time Northern has hosted the Hawkeyes, it is the first time they have hosted them here in Havre. Approximately 20 years and 2 months ago (7384 days to be exact), Northern hosted the Hawkeyes in Great Falls at Great Falls High School.

While the Iowa Hawkeyes media guide and web site has Iowa winning the dual 50-0 on November 25, 1995, that is actually incorrect. Sorry Hawkeye fans! The score was actually 50-1. As written by then, Havre Daily News Sports Editor, Boots Gifford "... setback for Iowa came when 126-pounder Mike Mena was penalized a team point for unsportsmanlike conduct after his 5-3 decision over Northern's Mitch Overlie of Chester." Northern was then awarded one point, thus the final score of 50-1.

To view a copy of that Havre Daily News article please go to:

[http://havrehill.advantage-preservation.com/Viewer/?key=%22dan%20gable%22&pfd=01-01-1995&fn=havre\\_daily\\_news\\_usa\\_montana\\_havre\\_19951127\\_english\\_6&page=2&serppageno=1](http://havrehill.advantage-preservation.com/Viewer/?key=%22dan%20gable%22&pfd=01-01-1995&fn=havre_daily_news_usa_montana_havre_19951127_english_6&page=2&serppageno=1)

Here are some interesting tidbits about the 95-96 Northern Lights team: At the NAIA National tournament in the spring of 1996, the Lights finished 8th as a team. Individually Northern had five All-Americans (Dave Fish - 3rd, Mitch Overlie - 6th, Ted Hill - 5th, Dan DeKaye - 2nd and Simon White - 5th). Ted Hill was also recognized that year as an Academic All-American.

Here are some interesting tidbits about the 95-96 Iowa Hawkeyes team. At the NCAA National tournament in the spring of 1996, the Iowa Hawkeyes won the NCAA Division I National Championship. Individually the Hawkeyes had seven All-Americans with three National Champions (Daryl Weber, Bill Zadick, and Joe Williams). It should be noted that Bill Zadick was born and raised in Great Falls and was the 2006 World Champion.

Current Iowa Hawkeye assistant coach, Terry Brands, spent one year as an assistant coach at MSU-Northern for head coach David Ray during the 2001-02 season. Additionally, David Ray once wrestled for the Iowa Hawkeyes in the early 1980's.