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Feature Video - Biology Program



This Past Week

Christmas Tree Lighting



Tuesday, Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting event in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. It was a lovely event, full of warmth and holiday cheer. Two-year old Payton Gatch threw the switch with a little help from her mother, Maura. This year MSU-Northern also lit up the "N" in front of Donaldson Hall.

Lights Basketball Team Help Deliver Thanksgiving Meals



Lights Basketball team helped deliver 421 Thanksgiving Day meals to people around the community. Pictured are (Left to Right) Devin Bray, Gabe Porter, Adam Huse, James Fry, Justin Dunsmore.

Rachel David Becomes Northern's First Cross-Country Runner to go to Nationals



This is the 3rd year that MSU-Northern has had cross-country and it was the first time MSU-Northern has had a runner qualify for Nationals. A runner has to be in the top fifteen at the conference championships in order to qualify for an individual national spot. Once an athlete makes top 15 in their conference they become eligible pending team qualifications, which vary from conference to conference. In our conference, Carroll College and Lewis-Clark State College both won team bids so the top four finishers who were not on either of those teams won individual spots. Rachel David finished 11th in the conference and was 4th in our conference, when LCSC and CC athletes were removed.

The meet took place on the historic Fort Vancouver Park, just across the Columbia River near Portland, Oregon. The course was tough as it was all grass/dirt following several days of rain. Rachel ran very well for it being her first appearance. She was 240th out of 338 women with a time of 20:14. Both she and her coach, Chad Spangler, expected it to be a little faster, but it was an outstanding effort for a sophomore runner in a new sport.

Coach Chad Spangler commented, "I'm very proud of Rachel for what she accomplished this season. I know she's capable of getting there again, and I think this experience will help her a lot going into to the next one. I'm really hopeful that this is a milestone for us, and that it influences the collective confidence of both our teams. I hope our other runners have more belief in their potential having seen Rachel make it." Rachel David you make Northern proud!

Montana Campus Compact Honors Breck Don

Montana Campus Compact (MTCC), a seventeen campus higher education network, honored 12 student athletes from across the state of Montana for their outstanding community service work at the November 18th Brawl of the Wild Football Game in Bozeman. Among those who received the award was MSU-Northern's own Breck Don, Senior, Diesel Technology and Business Administration. Breck is part of the Women's Cross Country team, a Student Ambassador, and St. Jude Church volunteer.

For 25 years, Montana Campus Compact, through its campus affiliates, has supported students, faculty, and communities across Montana with programs that encourage and recognize community service. Montana Campus Compact and the State of Montana are proud to honor the following athletes whose extensive volunteer efforts have been of great benefit to their communities.



"College students in Montana do amazing community work, and their investment of time, talent, and energy help improve our communities across the state. Campus Compact's Montana Athletes In Service Award honors the contributions of student athlete-volunteers." said Josh Vanek of MTCC. Breck Don you make Northern proud!

Photo by: George Ferguson

MSU-Northern Helps Students Understand Career Opportunities



Over 20 high school students were on campus yesterday to visit MSU-Northern's new Diesel Technology Center. This meeting helped local high school students understand the workforce needs in Montana and the various trade opportunities available to them at MSU-Northern. Local contractor, Tyler Smith, talked briefly about the Montana Contractor's Association efforts in workforce recruiting. Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, from the Office of Public Instruction, talked about the importance of trade education for Montana's future. Chancellor Kegel talked about the planning and construction process behind the New Diesel Technology Center. Several trades' people talked about their careers as general contractors, electricians, and plumbers. Students had the opportunity to see the various trades in action and ask questions of the people working in the field.

Meet the Artist Behind the Letters



Jessica Henderson joined the Northern family in September and has been sharing her love for art with the Admissions department and every visitor to campus. She has been drawing for as long as she can remember. In fact, she used to charge her family a quarter to draw their pictures during the holidays. This holiday she added her artistic flair to the MSU-Northern Christmas Card. She is the artist behind the chalkboard art that students held for the Christmas card.

Jessica studied Illustration at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire. She has displayed her artwork in 14 different art museums and galleries in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Texas, and Montana. Her signs and designs can be found in many places from restaurants and businesses to motorcycles and backyards. She loves to make art out of items most people throw away, but is equally at home using traditional media like acrylics, oils, watercolor, and pastels. She has been drawing the welcome chalkboard that the Admissions office uses to greet visitors to the campus. The boards feature the student's name and some type of drawing that illustrate what major they are planning to study. A diesel student could expect to see gears and a nursing student would often see a heart monitor illustration. She has also helped update some program brochures, banners, and the student survival kit, to name a few.

When students see the boards they often smile or giggle and it helps to tell them that we care and they are special to us. Her goal is to someday open a children's art museum in connection with Children's Hospitals across the country. She continues to follow her passion of teaching art lessons to under-privileged kids. She also offers private and group lessons for all ages.

Get Registered and Get a Medium Drink



Students, if you are registered for second semester, you can go to the Registrar's office and show them that you are registered and they will give you a sticker that you can proudly wear and take to the Food Court and get a free medium fountain drink.

Joint Orchestra and Choir Christmas Concert



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra and MSU-Northern Community Choir came together this year to present, "Sounds of the Season." They presented a cross-selection of traditional and contemporary arrangements of well-known seasonal favorites.

Chi Alpha Helps with Operation Christmas Child

As a yearly tradition, Northern's Chi Alpha club rallies together, combines funds, and hunts down fun and useful gifts to fill shoeboxes for kids around the world. They do this in conjunction with a worldwide group called Operation Christmas Child. For many years this organization has been bringing hope and joy to children in impoverished countries. The Northern students love this tradition, as it's a fun activity to do together while truly making a difference in the lives of others. After packing their shoeboxes a couple of Thursdays ago, the students' boxes joined the rest of the gifts around the Havre area, and they were shipped to a large processing center in Billings, then sent across the globe. This event is a pretty awesome way for students in small-town Montana to make a true global impact.



Important Announcements

Correction

The artist credit on the back of the MSU-Northern Christmas card should have read Jessica Henderson instead of Jennifer Henderson, our apologies to both Jessica and Jennifer for the mistake.

Register for Spring 2018 Classes Today

All students should have received an email introducing him or her to their academic advisor. Please meet with your advisor to create a personal plan of study for the upcoming Spring semester. Once you meet with your advisor you will receive your pin number which allows you to register online in MyInfo. If you have not received your advisor's name and contact information, please contact the Registrar's Office at 265-3703.

Upcoming Events

December Activities

1	Skylights & Lights Basketball vs Rocky	Gym	6/8 pm
2	Skylights & Lights Basketball vs Carroll	Gym	6/8 pm
4	Fall Graduation	Library	6 pm
6	North Card Northpoint Auction	Ballroom	7 pm
7	Lights Basketball vs Yellowstone Christian	Gym	7 pm
7-10	Robin Hood	MAT Theatre	8 pm
9	Cowboy Christmas	Gym	5 pm
11-14	FINAL WEEK	Campus	All
14-17	Robin Hood	MAT Theatre	8 pm
15	Skylights & Lights Basketball vs Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish	Gym	6/8 pm
15	Chancellor's Christmas Party - Faculty/Staff	Chancellor's House	3 pm
15-1/9 CHRISTMAS BREAK			
16	Skylights Basketball vs Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish	Gym	6 pm
16	Chancellor's Christmas Party - Community	Chancellor's House	4 pm
21-23	Robin Hood	MAT Theatre	8 pm
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS			
29	Skylights & Lights vs Concordia-Edmonton	Gym	6/8 pm
30	Lights Basketball vs Concordia-Edmonton	Gym	330 pm
30	Skylights Basketball vs Our Lady of the Lake	Gym	530 pm
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

PAS Club Annual Tree Sale

The MSU-Northern Post-Secondary Agriculture Students Club is once again hosting their annual Christmas Tree fundraiser. Short and long needle trees are available for the following prices:

- Up to 6 ft. = \$30
- Above 6 ft. to 10 ft. = \$40
- Above 10 ft. to 14 ft. = \$50
- Above 14 ft. = \$75

For more information, contact:

David 406-974-3283, Nick 406-980-0939, Riley 406-301-1384, Teresa 406-390-4289, Keevan 406-399-2658, Brett 406-799-4249, Bill 406-265-4154(campus) or Tom 406-265-4159(campus)

*** Trees are available on a first come first serve basis this year. Thank you***

18th Annual MSUN Cowboy Christmas - Dec. 9

Join us for the 18th Annual MSU-Northern Rodeo Cowboy Christmas!

The evening includes no host cocktails, a prime rib and shrimp dinner, auction, dance, and door prizes (including a trip the MT circuit finals in January, an HD TV, and more!)

Location Information:

Northern Campus - Gym

MSUN Rodeo Cowboy Christmas

Admission Information:

\$40 Single

\$300 table of 6

\$400 Table of 8

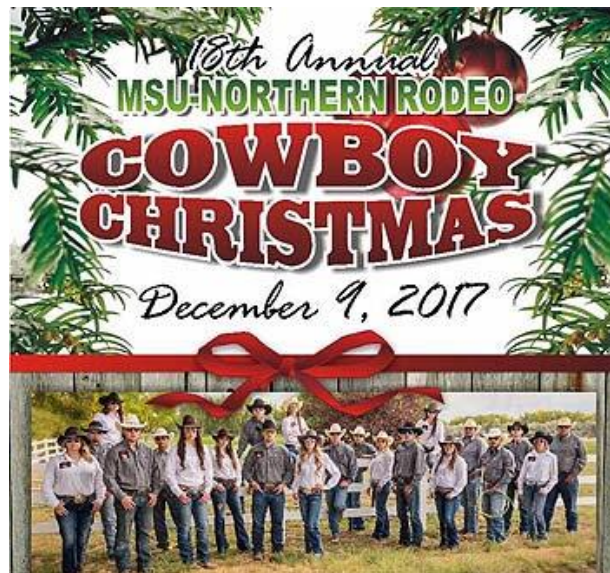
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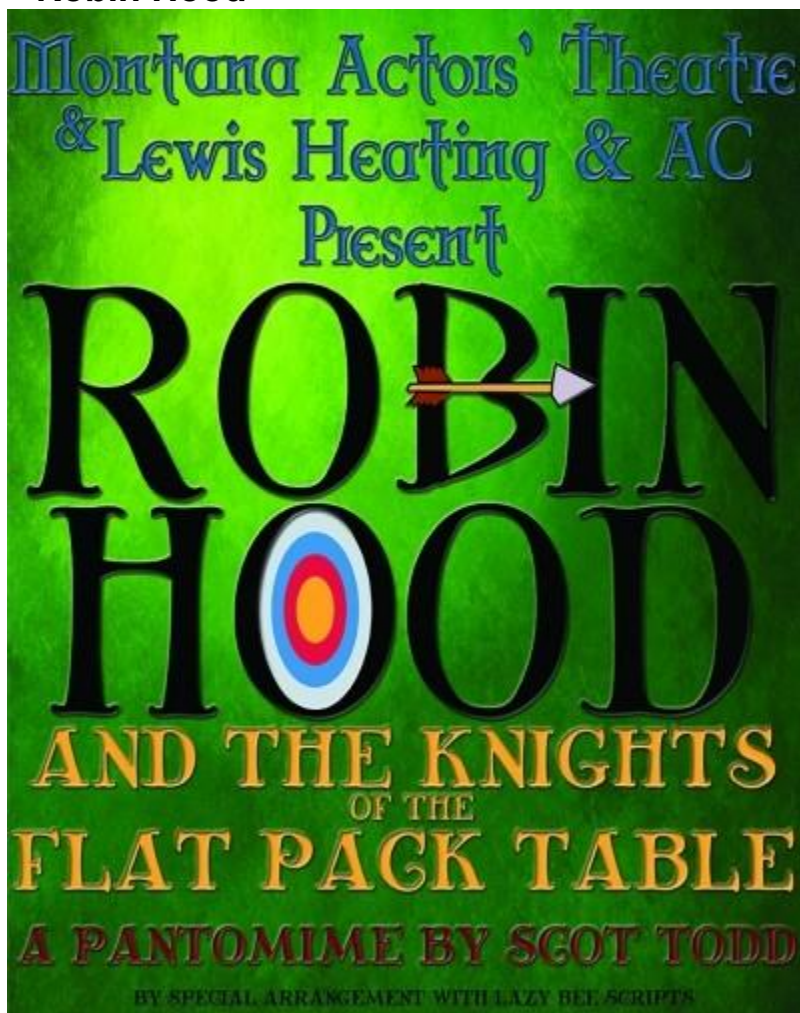
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MSUN Business Office



MAT Presents - Robin Hood



MAT brings a fairy tale to hilarious life with Robin Hood - but certainly not in a traditional sense. Great fun for the whole family, this goofy romp through Sherwood Forest will amuse everyone.

Evenings Dec 8-9, 14-16, 21-23 Matinees Dec 10 and 17

Recommended for all ages! Tickets: \$15/Adults, \$10/Students/Seniors/Military, \$5/Grades K-8

Diverse Northern Radio Program - Every Thursday

The radio 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 with information about campus life and community affairs. Like us on

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Weekly Columns

The Computer Corner

By: Marianne Hoppe

Just in time for the holidays: A new tech support scam

A new tech support scam technique can leave you one click, or tap, away from speaking with a scammer. The new tech support scam websites open your default communication or phone call app and prompt you to call a fake tech support scam hotline. With click-to-call links, tech support scams do not have to be as elaborate as many current tech support scam websites, and they don't have to rely on scary messages or pose as legitimate error messages in order to convince you to call the phone number. Instead, these scam sites can be very simple, with just a fake hotline number and a simple message like "Contact Support. We're here to help." The scam may even have an audio file that automatically plays as the website is displayed detailing the problem it 'found' with your computer. This new scam technique seems to be optimized for mobile phones as it uses responsive web design, and the click-to-call directly launches the phone function on smart phones.

Bottom line: Legitimate error messages don't contain phone numbers. Never click on a dialer popup that you didn't open yourself by tapping or clicking on a phone number - you might end up being charged for an expensive international call, or worse - you might fall victim to a bigger scam once you talk to the criminals behind the scam site.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

With the end of the Fall semester sports season wrapping up, comes the first set of post season awards and recognitions. In Women's Volleyball, OH, senior standout, Cassie Krueger was named to the first team All-Conference Volleyball team. The Cross Country team had four student athletes named as 2017 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes (Academic All-Americans); Courtney Cota, Breck Don, McKenna Barkus and Riley Dennis.

Two student/athletes that need special recognition are Rachel David and Gareth Fowler. Rachel became THE FIRST Northern Cross-Country student/athlete to ever compete at the NAIA National Cross Country meet. As a member of the Northern Football team, Gareth had an outstanding season. His 115 tackles ranked him 4th in the nation and his 10.5 tackles per game ranked him in 6th in the nation. Unfortunately even with these numbers Gareth was not selected to the all-conference team.

Great job Courtney, Breck, McKenna, Riley, Rachel and Gareth you all make Northern proud!