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Feature Video on Modern Machinery Days



Bill Crandall, Modern Machinery's Senior Advisor, talks about Modern Machinery Days, and their new Diesel Student Tuition Assistance and Loan Repayment Program.

Modern Machinery Launches New Tuition Assistance and Loan Repayment Program



Modern Machinery visited Montana State University-Northern on Wednesday (Nov.13) with 12 employees to kick off Modern Machinery Days, interview students, and announce their new Diesel Student Tuition Assistance and Loan Repayment Program.

“Modern Machinery Days” is a three-day event where Modern Machinery’s instructors teach Northern’s diesel students about their industry leading Komatsu Dozers, Excavators and Wheel Loaders. This year, they conducted three master-classes covering Hydrostatic transmissions, Intelligent Machines, and Tier 4 Final engines.

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MSU-Northern Education and Career Fair 2019 in Saskatoon and Regina

Bobby Personett, MSUN Admissions/Recruiter Associate and Curtis Smeby, College of Arts, Science and Education faculty member attended the See Your Future – Education & Career Fair 2019 in Saskatoon & Regina on November 4th and 5th. This career and education



event is the largest event of its kind in Saskatchewan and makes significant connections between all types of post-secondary institutions and secondary students in the province.

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Corporate Executives Look at Recruiting Opportunities at MSU-Northern



MSU-Northern Alum and President of O.J. Pipelines, Russell Keller, and Executive Vice President of Operations for Quanta Services, Inc., Dave Meisel were on campus Tuesday (Nov. 12) to look at the campus and talk with the administration about future recruiting opportunities for their companies. O.J. Pipelines is one of 243 companies owned by Quanta Services. Quanta Services is the leading specialty contractor with the largest skilled labor force in North America – providing fully integrated infrastructure solutions for the utility, pipeline, energy and communications industries.

Mary Pizzini Named PURE GOLD!

Nursing instructor, Mary Pizzini, received a Pure Gold Award by Montana State University President Waded Cruzado for providing quality education to the nursing students at MSU Northern. Students say she brings a lot of excitement and fascination to the classroom. She has a passion to share her knowledge of nursing with her students. She and her husband have hosted an out of state athlete every



year for over 20 years. She provides these students with home-cooked meals, laundry services and overall mentorship.

Mary has worked as a registered nurse for 37 years. She is always sure to invite students on her weekly hikes to provide an outlet for stress relief during tough academic weeks. She regularly checks in with her students' mental and physical health and is always available for students to reach out to if they need help with anything, school-related or not.

Mary has been an outstanding inspiration to students in their endeavors to becoming nurses. Congratulations Mary, you make Northern Proud!

Cree Language Mini Lessons with Kishey Pisim Baker



In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Little River Institute hosted one of two “lunch and learn” Cree language and culture sessions with Kishey Pisim Baker. This was one of the first training sessions in the newly renovated space of the Little River Institute on the top floor of the Student Union Building. A light lunch was provided. She gave several insightful illustrations of Cree language and culture.

Next week, on Wednesday, (Nov. 20 from 12-1) she'll continue to focus on the Cree language but she will also talk about Cree kinship and art. All staff, faculty and students are welcome to attend! A light lunch will be

provided. Contact Erica McKeon-Hanson with any questions at 265-3713 or erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu

In September, the State of Montana recognizes American Indian Heritage day/week, which Northern celebrates. The month of November is recognized nationally as Native American Heritage Month.

IT100 Students Contrast Vehicle Technology Changes



Students enrolled in the Introduction to Technology (IT100) course had an opportunity on Wednesday to compare almost sixty years of changes in pickup trucks. Faculty members Kevin Ruby and Tom Welch had students view and compare technology changes by examining and learning about a 1959 B120 International pickup and a 2019 GMC Denali. Kevin Ruby, an automotive technology teacher, provided the older 1959 pickup and Tilleman Motors of Havre generously provided the new GMC for this class exercise. Systems on the pickups were compared and these included safety features, cab and comfort, brakes, power trains, emissions, electrical, fuel, component materials, and other characteristics. Welch noted that it was fascinating to view and reflect on both the similarities of new and old vehicles and the many technological innovations that have been introduced. One question presented to the IT100 students was: What will a pickup truck, if they still exist, look like in 2079?

Rusted and Busted Helped with 4-H Foundation

Despite the horrible weather, about 500 people attended the Rusted and Busted concert Saturday night. This was a fantastic turnout given the fact that the weather made it near impossible for people from Chinook, Big Sandy, or west of Havre to attend.

They estimate they will clear \$6,000 in support of the Hill County 4-H Foundation. This money will be used to support 4-H youth through scholarships and support of 4-H clubs and activities in the county.

Upcoming Major Events

Cree Language Mini Lessons with Kishey Pisim Baker – Nov. 20

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Little River Institute will host the second part of the “lunch and learn” Cree language and culture lessons with Kishey Pisim Baker. All staff, faculty and students are welcome to attend On Wednesday, November 20 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. in SUB 303. A light lunch will be provided.

Contact Erica McKeon-Hanson with any questions at 265-3713 or erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu

Info Session for Spring Break Trip to Ireland – Nov. 20

What are you doing for Spring Break 2020?

A group of MSU-Northern faculty, staff, alumni, current students, friends, relatives and community members are going on a spring break trip to Ireland in March 2020. This 9-day trip features guided tours of Dublin, Cork, Blarney, Kinsale, and Killarney. World famous sites like the Ring of Kerry, Georgian squares, O’Connell Street, St. Stephen’s Green, Phoenix Park, the Book of Kells at Trinity College, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Queenstown Story exhibition at the Cobh Heritage Centre, Blarney Castle, and the Rock of Cashel will also be toured. Those who are interested are welcome to drop by an informal meeting in the library coffee cart area on Wednesday, November 20 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Reifschneider at 265-4126 or reifschneider@msun.edu.

Campus Calendar

Friday, November 15

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 100% Due
- Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament
- Skylights Basketball vs Corban University - 1:00 PM

Saturday, November 16

- Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament
- Lights Football @ The College of Idaho - 12:00 PM
- North Central Montana Stockgrowers Annual Meeting - 12:00 - 5:00 PM
- Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet-N-Greet - 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 17

- Skylights Basketball @ Montana State University (Exhibition)

Monday, November 18

- Advance Registration for Spring Semester: New Students
- Student Art Show
- Student Art Show Opening Night - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 19

- Student Art Show

Wednesday, November 20

- Student Art Show

Thursday, November 21

- Student Art Show
- Lights Wrestling vs Warner Pacific University 7:00 PM

Friday, November 22

- Graduation Applications DUE
- Student Art Show
- Skylights Basketball @ Providence vs Northwest University - 2:00 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Providence vs Northwest University - 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 23

- Skylights Basketball @ Providence vs Dickinson State
 - Lights Basketball @ Providence vs Dickinson State - 4:00 PM
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TidBit

By: William Lanier

A Tribute to Mavis Filler

This is one of those TidBits that is both easy and hard to write! Easy in that Mavis Wastweet (Filler) Farnham was a dear friend who I, along with many others, loved dearly, but very hard, because Mavis passed away August 13, 2019.

Mavis started at NMC in 1974 and worked at Northern for many years as an Administrative Assistant. Mavis was one who was always looking to help whoever she could, however she could. She had a positive impact on everyone, but especially the students. In 1993, Mavis was awarded the coveted Golden "N" award by the Northern Student Senate (Central Board for you Old Timers).

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If you have an idea for a TidBit or an Alumn that should be highlighted, please let me know at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com



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