

## ASMSUN Club Carnival



This past Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the Associated Students of MSU-Northern hosted a club carnival on the Pershing Hall lawn. Various campus organizations provided information about their clubs as well as activities to engage students' interest. Sack races, human bowling, water balloon volleyball, music, blood pressure checks, root beer floats, massage information, waffles, and basketball were some of the activities and attractions at the carnival. Various Havre businesses were also present. Many students were reached by the centrally located carnival and much fun was had by all who attended.

## MSU-Northern Starts a Community Orchestra



Twenty-four people signed up to be a part of the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra during

Tuesday's information session. They received their music and the first rehearsal will start next Tuesday (Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m.) Though the preliminary meeting has passed, the orchestra is still open to welcoming new members. The group is accepting skilled musicians who possess the ability to read music well and who desire to gain experience playing in an orchestra. High school and college students may use this opportunity to gain one college credit in the Arts and Humanities section of general courses. Community members are encouraged to join as well. The orchestra will rehearse weekly on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning September 11. For more information, call Rhonda Minnick at 265-5987.

## EOC Funded for Another Five Years

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) serves nine sites in the state of Montana, but its central office is located on the MSU-Northern campus. The Northern family celebrates with the EOC team because the organization has officially been funded for the next five years. The EOC received a grant that will ensure \$597,231 every year for five years.

If you are unaware of the mission of the EOC or the services they offer, here is an overview of this organization's information:

The EOC provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who possess a desire to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

### The free opportunities EOC offers are:

- Academic, educational, financial and personal counseling/individual and group workshops
- Assistance in completing applications for college, admissions, testing, and financial aid
- Assistance with precollege preparation - adult basic education and GED preparation
- Assistance with the re-entry process to high school, GED program or college
- Career exploration services and occupational interest assessments services
- Coordinating/connecting with support services in the community and at the college, vocational school or institute of your choice
- Information on postsecondary schools
- Information on student financial assistance

For more information about the EOC and what they do, please visit: <http://www.msun.edu/grants/eoc/>

## New Bleachers Being Installed



The bleachers started arriving on Tuesday. They are being installed in anticipation of this weekend's volleyball season opener against the rival Carroll College Fighting Saints.

## **Volleyball Beach Party**

On September 8 at 5 p.m., MSU-Northern will host the first game in the newly renovated gym. While some construction will still be taking place, we hope you will join us for the first appearance of the Skylights while they take on the Saints. We ask that you join us in a festive manner with flip-flops, board shorts, and a chair or beach towel to cheer on the Skylights. If you take part in this beach party, you'll get a chance to see the many changes to the gym. Please support your Skylights by joining our volleyball beach party!

## **Festival Days Coming This Fall**

It's that wonderful time of year again! With summer coming to a close, anticipation for our yearly Havre Festival Days is rising, and you are welcome to join the fun. Any MSU-Northern clubs or organizations that want to participate in the Festival Days Parade should contact Jim Potter ASAP at 406-265-3727 (office).

Festival Days is a community event comprised of many activities organized by community groups. Throughout the September 14-16 weekend, our 32nd Annual Havre Festival Days will celebrate our county with the theme "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Hill County." Activities start on Friday with the "Friends of the Library Book Sale", the quilt show and the 48 hour softball tournament. The Chamber's "Festival of Crafts Show" and the oh-so popular parade top the list of returning events for the weekend. You can also join a friend at the Kiwanis Pancake Feed, BBQ challenge, and/or catch the last farmer's market on Saturday. The weekend celebration wraps up with the "Festival Walk/Run" and the Shrine beef raffle drawings which will take place at the demo derby.

For a full listing of the weekend's schedule of events, go to the Chamber's website- [www.havremt.com](http://www.havremt.com), click on calendar/events, and from there you can look at or print off the Festival Days schedule.

Thank you MSU- Northern for being our Festival Days Sponsor!

## **Intramural/Recreation Flag Football Starts Soon**

Flag Football will be held September 10 on the SUB East Lawn. Get your teams together and pick up a roster at the SUB Info Desk and return that roster by September the 7th at 5 p.m. to participate.

## **Open Mic Night**

The MSU-Northern Student Activities office sponsored their first Open Mic Night in the newly renovated Food Court this past Tuesday. These events are for anyone who can sing, recite poetry, play an instrument, or make people laugh. Sound equipment (including microphones) will be provided; just bring your own instrument. The campus and community are invited to come to the Food Court for a no host dinner and join in the fun or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Open Mic Nights will be held the first Tuesday of every month this semester in the MSU-Northern Food Court.

## **Monday Night Football Begins This Monday**

The Intramural & Recreation committee will be sponsoring Monday Night Football every Monday night in the Northern Food Court. The first game will be September the 10th at 5 p.m. with the Cincinnati Bengals and the Baltimore Ravens. Check the schedules posted around campus for future games and times. Each week we will be providing drinks and snacks for your enjoyment while watching the game on our 4 big screen TVs. Come on down and cheer for your favorite teams!

## **First Ever Lights Miniature Golf Tournament**

We will be holding our first annual Lights Miniature Golf Tournament on Saturday, September the 8th, from 9 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. at the Pro-Putt course on 5th Avenue here in Havre. This will be a fundraiser for Lights Basketball as well as a chance for our new and current players to connect and meet the fans and friends of our community.

The tournament format will include two-player teams. Teams per hole will be determined by the

number of entries. After playing the first 18 holes, there will be a short break for lunch and refreshments that will be held across the street at Memorial Softball Field. Upon completion, all scores will be posted. We will potentially hold a Calcutta and then we will play the back 18 holes. At the conclusion of the tournament, we will head back over to the softball field and announce the winners and award the top three teams and payout for the Calcutta (if applicable).

## **MSU-Northern Blood Drive**

Northern will be hosting 3 blood drives on campus this year- two this fall and one in the spring. Our goal is 50 donors. The Red Cross is in short supply of blood so we need as many volunteers as possible to help out by either donating or helping out with registration. Students, friends, and family are also welcome.

The American Red Cross will be conducting the first of three blood drives in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building on September 13, 2012 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact: Nicki Branden at [nicki.branden@msun.edu](mailto:nicki.branden@msun.edu) or 265-3599 or signup online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code msunorthern).

## **MSU-Northern Employee WellCheck**

The next MSU-Northern employee WellCheck will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the SUB Ballroom (300 W 11th Street). Register online for your screening at [www.ItStartsWithMe.com](http://www.ItStartsWithMe.com).

## **Hiking and Canoeing**



Last weekend, MSU-Northern Intramurals/Recreation sponsored a nature trail hike in the Bears Paw Mountains and a canoeing trip. It was a wonderful day of canoeing, swimming, volleyball, fishing and a BBQ with all the fixings.

## **Havre Pride Clean-Up**

Saturday morning on September 8 between 9 a.m. and noon, local groups, organizations, businesses and individuals will contribute to the city-wide clean-up for HAVRE PRIDE and your help is needed.

The redemption site will be located in the parking lot at the corner of 5th Avenue and 1st Street. If local organizations or clubs would like to select a specific area to clean, please call the Chamber at 265-4383. You can help keep Havre clean and attractive by joining the HAVRE PRIDE clean-up, Saturday, September the 8th from 9 a.m. to noon.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **Chancellor's Corner**

By Dr. James Limbaugh

Since the delivery of my remarks at the all-faculty/staff meeting on August 21, I've had several inquiries about the content and its implication for the future of MSUN. To continue our discussion, I have prepared an annotated version of the presentation, available here in "[Notes](#)" format on the University's website. We will expand the discussion further at upcoming Chancellor's Forums on the opportunities and challenges facing MSUN; in the meantime, further comments and dialogue are

welcome and encouraged.

## @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Already got that first assignment for a short paper or speech? Check out the Credo Reference database at <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>. You can use Credo Reference to get an overview of many topics. Credo also can help you brainstorm your topic by using the concept map. And, be sure to explore the related resource links to other databases. Another good starting point is the Opposing Viewpoints in Context (OVIC) database. This is a go-to database for information on today's hottest social issues. OVIC includes topic overviews, for and against viewpoints, articles, and often video and audio as well. With these two databases, chances are that in a short period of time, you can locate several full-text electronic resources and additional items that you can check out from the library. If you have any questions, please stop by the library.

## Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

We have a lot of exciting activities planned this year, so please make your calendar and plan to attend.

Sept. 28-29	Homecoming
Oct. 13	Alumni Scholarship Auction
Oct. 19	Butte Alumni Social - Northern Volleyball vs. Tech
Oct. 20	Northern Tailgate at Carroll
Oct. 20	Helena Alumni Social - Northern Volleyball vs. Carroll
Nov. 13	Missoula Alumni Social - Northern Skylights Basketball vs. Lady Griz
Dec. 14	Hall of Fame Nominations Due
Feb. 1	Havre Alumni Social - Northern Basketball vs. UGF
Feb. 6	Great Falls Alumni Social - Northern Wrestling vs. UGF
Feb. 9	We Love Northern Ball
Feb. 21	Billings Alumni Social - Northern Basketball vs. Rocky
Feb. 23	Dickinson Alumni Social - Northern Basketball vs. Dickinson
May 3	Hall of Fame & Founders Excellence
May 3-4	Golden Graduation Reunion
May 4	Graduation

## Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Word 2010 Tip

#### Add a pie chart to a Word document

You can easily add a chart to a Word document, without first creating the chart in Excel.

First, position the cursor where you want to insert the chart. Then:

1. Click the **Insert** tab and then in the **Illustrations** group click the **Chart** option.
2. In the **Insert Chart** dialog, choose the chart type you want to create from the left pane. For this example we'll choose **Pie**.
3. Choose one of the pie charts to the right (we'll use the first).
4. Click **OK** and Word will launch an Excel sheet with sample data.
5. Insert your labels and values in the Excel sheet and watch the chart in the Word document update accordingly. Be sure to resize the data range as instructed.
6. When you're done entering the labels and values, close the Excel sheet. (You can save it if you like, but you don't have to).

With the chart in Word, you can format it. For instance, you can remove the border or change its style or shade the background. Right-click the chart's background and choose **Format Chart Area** from the options. You can change the chart type by right-clicking on the actual chart (the pie in our example) and clicking **Change Series Chart Type**. And if you right-click on the legend you can change the data by selecting **Edit Data**.

## A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

September is National Literacy Month. While the promotion of literacy generally begins at a very early age for many Americans, an unending motivation for reading is essential for enlightenment throughout one's life. Northern family, whatever your schedules are like, I petition you to take time to read. Even if you can only fit in ten minutes with a steamy cup of coffee in the morning or fifteen minutes before drifting into la-la-land, any amount of reading time could enhance your perspective on life and/or puncture stereotypes holding you back from doing something great. Visit the library. Download free Kindle or Nook books (many literary classics are free).

If you have trouble choosing a book, check out this "40 Books You Won't be able to Put Down" list online at: <http://blog.hpb.com/hpb-blog/2012/4/9/40-books-you-wont-be-able-to-put-down.html> If these books don't appeal to you, try one of the ten most read books in the last 50 years(info provided by squidoo.com).

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