

Kiewit Corporation Donates \$250,000 to MSUN Auto/Diesel Center



Yesterday, April 23, Kiewit Corporation presented Montana State University-Northern with a \$250,000 gift for its new Auto/Diesel Technology Center.

Kiewit is one of North America's largest and most respected construction, mining and engineering organizations. The employee-owned organization operates through a network of subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Kiewit had 2014 revenues of \$10.4 billion and consistently ranks among the top five contractors according to the Engineering News-Record.

Representatives from Kiewit Keith Sasich, Ron Burr, Chad Jessen, Lyle Nichols, Jane Pine, Jacob Shipp and Montana's Lieutenant Governor, Angela McLean were present for the donation.

"Kiewit has a rich history with MSU-Northern. We're honored to continue building upon our partnership with this donation today," said Kiewit Vice President Keith Sasich. "We look forward to learning more about the students that will benefit from the Auto/Diesel Technology Center as they prepare for careers in the industry, hopefully many of them with Kiewit."

"The Kiewit Corporation has been one of MSU-Northern's longest and most active partnerships," said MSU-Northern Chancellor Greg Kegel. "Our new Auto/Diesel Technology Center will be built because of the continued generous support of corporations like Kiewit. I am honored to have Kiewit's vice president Keith Sasich on our campus to see first-hand how their gift will be used to help future students and to continue to produce a strong workforce."

Kegel continued, "Kiewit representatives have sat on the diesel advisory board since its inception, and in that capacity, have helped us build our nationally known 'Supertech' program. Kiewit provided guidance to the addition

of the very successful equipment management option in our 4-year diesel degree, and they were instrumental in starting the annual TechNoXpo event that is happening today."

"Kiewit has also helped us market the program by assisting in the development of promotional material as well as participating in recruiting road shows. But most importantly, they hire summer interns and full time employees," said Kegel.

Seventh Annual TekNoXpo



MSU-Northern's 7th annual Technology-Knowledge-Exposition (TekNoXpo) began on Thursday, and was a major hit as usual. The TekNoXpo is an amazing opportunity for Montana high school students to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences. Montana's Lieutenant Governor, Angela McLean gave the keynote address just after the Kiewit check presentation.

As always, the students had a fun and enlightening time, learning more about the trade school programs Northern has to offer, and as an addition this year, students were also able to observe nursing school functions and opportunities. The Big Equipment Rodeo is always one of the favorites for the students, including skid steer racing, backhoe basketball, and the excavator simulator event.

TekNoXpo offers an experience like no other, with hands-on learning and personal guidance into growing career fields. If this sounds like something a student you know may be interested in, remember to send them to next year's TekNoXpo.

Retirement Reception



MSU-Northern hosted their annual retirement reception this Tuesday for nine people who collectively have dedicated over 138 years of service to the University. Those who retired this year were: Terry Blosser, Greg Bostic, Betty Clark, Jose Cobos, Marsha Ferraguti, Kevin Johnson, Luke Petriccione, Will Rawn, and Debbie Ritz.

MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet 'n' Greet a Great Success



The First Annual Meet N' Greet hosted by Collegiate Stockgrowers at MSU-Northern was held on Friday, April 17 to help introduce the newly formed club to the campus of MSU-Northern as well as to the surrounding community. The students were excited that over 120 people attended the event to show their support, enjoy a beef dinner and live entertainment, help raise funds through raffles and silent auction items, and listen to a variety of distinguished guest speakers.

This evening marked the beginning of a very promising future for the future leaders of agriculture at Northern and the surrounding community. The students wish to extend their gratitude to all of the following sponsors and donors:

Wild Horse Seeds, High-Line Chemical, Havre Ford, Moodie Implement, Big Equipment, Bear Paw Vet, CHS/Milk River Coop, Land O' Lakes, Jamieson Motors of Chinook, Stulc Ranch Anipro, North West Farm Credit Services, Torgersons, Normans Western Wear, Napa Auto Parts of Chinook, Cow-Creek Feeds, G&B Toyota, Havre Laundry, Havre Rental, Bear Paw BBQ, Gallery Lounge, Parents, faculty and friends who helped create silent auction items

On behalf of all Collegiate Stockgrower members, we also thank the Northern staff and faculty for their help organizing this very successful event; we could not have done this without your help! Funds were raised that will help the students hit the 2015/2016 school year hard. Plans are underway to help with local events throughout the summer as well. We look forward to promoting agriculture at Northern and in our surrounding communities. Have a great summer and we'll see you next fall!

Rock-Pop Band "Almost Classy" for Campus Improvement Day



As a fun addition to the Campus Improvement Day picnic, the Associated Students of MSU-Northern brought in the band "Almost Classy" to play during the meal and evening's events. The pop/rock band from Southern California delighted the crowd, bringing a fresh style to the Campus Improvement Day. You can check them out at www.almostclassymusic.com

Northern Joins Havre Pride day!



This past week the Northern family joined forces with Havre's community members in taking pride in the city. Participants cleaned 5th Ave - from 10th Street north to 1st Street and 13th Ave and hill behind married student housing. All attendees worked hard and had fun while showing their Havre pride.

14th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament

The 14th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament took place this week on the MSU-Northern's folf course. The winner of the tournament was Trent Noel.

World-Class Violinist Jack Glatzer Returns to Campus



The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series brought back world class violinist Jack Glatzer last Tuesday. Glatzer performed a solo violin recital that awed the audience, featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and the paintings of Rembrandt van Rijn. Rembrandt's works were beautifully interwoven into the lovely musical performance.

Campus Improvement Day and Down Home Picnic



(from L to R) Alex Williams, Janice Griebel, Ashley Betzel. Members of BACCHUS participate in the cigarette clean up challenge. Over 4 pounds of cigarettes were collected during this year's clean up event.

Since 1932, Northern has set aside a day for general campus clean-up and campus improvement. This year was no different, and the Northern family showed up in solid numbers to show their care and respect for the campus. The main projects included raking and general cleanup. Teams and individuals alike combed the campus for trash and any unsightly messes, fixing whatever they could to give Northern its proper clean appearance.

Anyone who wore his or her Campus Improvement Day shirt to the down home picnic got to eat for free and simultaneously enjoy the music of the pop/rock band Almost Classy.

NorthPoint Auction



This year over 350 students earned points this semester for attending school-related events, and they were able to use these points to secure prizes of various worth and kind at the NorthPoint Auction. Many students left with smiles on their faces after finding that their points truly did earn them great prizes.

"Spring into Fall 2015" - Register Today to Win a 40"TV



Quick - before the spring semester ends, "Spring into Fall" by registering for your fall semester classes! By registering early, you get the class schedule that works best for you, plus you will be entered into a drawing for some really great prizes. The grand prize is a 40" HDTV! To qualify for the drawing you must be:

- A returning student who has pre-registered for fall classes by April 30
- Registered for 15 credits (12 credits for nursing students or 8 credits for graduate student)
- Attending classes in the fall (to receive prizes)

All students who meet the qualifications will be automatically entered into the drawing. Winning entries will be drawn on May 1. Prizes will be awarded at the first home football game in the fall.

Student Art Show - Closes Tonight



Northern's annual student art began last Monday and will run through tonight. The beautiful and interesting art pieces are on display in the gallery upstairs in the Student Union Building. The show is a great opportunity for anyone to discover the artistic talents of Northern's students and will feature this year's creations in painting, ceramics, design and photography. Stop by and take in the fine arts Northern has to offer.

Folf Course & Map Updated



MSU-Northern students Joe Vernon and Aaron Peters have been working hard on updating the Tucker Montgomery Folf Course located on the campus grounds. They utilized GPS to geo-reference the tees and baskets. Tom Welch, a faculty member helped them create a map of the course. Joe and Aaron are also creating new score cards with the map, hole distances and other information. The map should eventually be available on

the campus web site. A draft version of the map is featured below. Hats off to Joe and Aaron for taking on this task.

Dr. Joseph P. Gone Provides Cultural Sensitivity Conferences



On Wednesday, Dr. Joseph P. Gone, presented the conferences "Striving for Ambitious Achievement in an American Indian Community: A Study of Gros Ventre Cultural Ideals" and also "Traditional Culture, Professional Treatment, and Therapeutic Integration: Lessons from a Native American Community Healing Lodge." These conferences were supported by the MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP), the Hill County Mental Health Local Advisory Council, and Stone Child College. The first presentation was geared toward all MSUN faculty, staff, students, and also to the local community. He described his master's thesis research project, which is a study to demonstrate the value of determined achievement in the Gros Ventre culture through interviews with elders but particularly with his grandmother. He also referred to history and Gros Ventre culture throughout his talk. The second presentation was primarily aimed to mental health professionals. This time he described a research project he conducted that took place at a First Nations community in Canada in a healing lodge in which counselors used western therapeutic means of healing as well as traditional aboriginal practices.

Dr. Gone (Gros Ventre) is Associate Professor of Psychology and American Indian culture at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His research includes more than 50 articles and chapters exploring the cultural psychology of self, identity, personhood, and social relations in Indigenous community settings. During this school year, he is the Katz Family Chair in Native American Studies at MSU-Bozeman. Currently, he is working on a book tentatively titled "Rethinking Psychological Wellness in Indian Country." Experts said this "could be the definitive book on Native American mental health." He is an international authority on the topic of indigenous mental health, so it was truly a unique opportunity to attend his presentations.

MSU Provides Grant Training



The Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs hosted a 4-hour training on Grant Administration and Development on Wednesday April 22nd. The training was conducted by Leslie Schmidt, the Assistant Vice President of Research at MSU and Sandra Sward, the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at MSU. They covered a large variety of valuable information on grant administration, including the types of funding available, government oversight, searching for grants, responsible fiscal management and surviving an audit. The event was well attended by 23 members of MSU-Northern's Faculty and Staff. Anyone who was unable to attend the workshop should contact our Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs at ext. 3585 or samantha.clawson@msun.edu to receive a copy of the handouts and get a link to a recorded version of Principal Investigators training offered by MSU.

Can you Name a Famous Theme Park?

How about a tropical island? If you have vacations on the brain, we need your help to put together Northern's very own "Family Feud"-style game. Just [CLICK HERE](#) to answer a few questions and YOUR answers could show up on the game board!

Spring SSS Newsletter

Here is the 2015 Spring Semester Newsletter for Student Support Services.

[Click Here to View](#)

Upcoming Events

39th Annual Sweet Grass Society Pow Wow - This Weekend

This weekend the MSU-N Sweet Grass Society will hold its annual Pow Wow. This is the 39th Annual celebration of this spring tradition, marking the end of the academic year on the Northern campus. The Pow Wow is today, Friday April 24 from 7-12 with Grand Entry at 7 p.m. and Saturday April 25 from 1-11 with Grand Entry at 1 and prizes awarded at 11. This is a family event with no admission open to the entire Hi-Line community. Dancers and drummers will be coming from all across Montana and the region. Come and enjoy the sights, sounds and pageantry of Native American dance, dress and drumming. Take a stroll through the vendor booths for traditional arts and crafts. Enjoy a snack or a meal from the concessions. For more information about the Pow Wow, Sweet Grass Society or future events and programming please contact Sweet Grass Faculty Advisor Jamie Underwood at 265-3526 or junderwood@msun.edu. Sweet Grass Society wants to thank the entire Northern community for the great support of all the events over the past year! Looking towards the future, spring 2016 will mark our 40th Anniversary Pow Wow which we hope to make bigger and more special than ever! The club members hope to see everyone at this year's Pow Wow!

Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame Dinner - May 1

Tickets are still available for The Founders' Excellence Award presentation and MSU-Northern's Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony which will be happening Friday, May 1 in the Student Union Building Ballroom at MSU-Northern. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and dinner is included. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the ceremony starts at 7 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation at (406) 265-3711.

The 2015 Founders' Excellence Award recipients will be Mike Tilleman and Gerry Veis ('83). The 2015 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame are Coach Sherry Winn and Charna Ophus-Seibert ('93 & '94).

Nurses Pinning - May 1

The MSUN nursing class of 2015 will be holding their pinning ceremony at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church on May 1, 2015 at 1:00pm. Introduction will be from class president Ashley Markle, followed by the Chancellor Greg Kegel's welcome. Both present director Janice Starr and former director Lisa Scheresky-O'neil will be giving congratulatory speeches. Keynote speaker will be Raeanne Wall and emcee will be Cynthia Sharples. Reception at Fifth Avenue Christian Church will follow. Class officers include President- Ashley Markle, Vice President- Ashley Holmes, Secretary- Kelsie Patterson, Treasurer- Kylie Damm. Class appointed advisor is Amy Crowder-Klobofski.

MSU-Northern Graduation - May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

MSU-Northern's commencement ceremony is set for Saturday May the 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. 325 students will be receiving degrees. Our speaker this year will be U.S. Senator Jon Tester. Courtney Cota and Faith Martin will be providing the special music during graduation.

After commencement, swing by the Vande Bogart Library for refreshments, and visit the new Louis & Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Montana Plains Indian.

MSUN invites HS students to The Northern Experience - May 7



Montana State University-Northern is excited to invite high school students from around the state to The Northern Experience on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

This is a fun preview day for high school students, parents and counselors who are interested in the fields of biology, criminal justice, community leadership, graphic design, health promotion, nursing or education. Students will have an opportunity to experience a classroom session with our professors, tour our residence halls, have a Q&A session with some of our current students, and get a feel for what it's like to be a college student at Northern.

The Northern Experience is designed to help students choose a major that is right for them and prepare themselves for entering college. Our goal is to make learning the ins and outs of college a fun experience and give students a clear picture of their futures at MSU-Northern.

The Northern Experience will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m. Again, students are welcome to bring their parents, family, or friends along for the day. Participation is free and the campus will provide lunch. Please pre-register for the event at www.msun.edu/future/NorthernExperience or call MSU-Northern Admissions at 406-265-3704 for more information.

Summer Session Starting - May 11

With finals week upon us, summer break is just around the corner, and MSU-Northern's summer session will begin May 11. Have you registered for classes yet? Whether your goal is to graduate early, catch up on classes you've missed, or just take a class or two you enjoy, summer session provides a great opportunity to complete a broad variety of coursework. In addition to select majors and minors, classes are available in each general education category. Cooperative education experiences for summer might also still be available in your field (see your advisor and Mary Heller in the Career Center). We strongly encourage students to register by April the 30th in order to help ensure that you get the classes you want, although registration will remain open for most classes until mid-May (depending upon course start and end dates).

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Evaluate & Improve - Apr. 24

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Tips to evaluate and improve your D2L course for next semester. Do you have a strategy you use to improve your courses? If so, we'd love to hear it! Stop by Extended University and share your expertise. Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, April 24, in the Extended University office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in the Brockmann Center conference room at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Weekly Articles

From the Career Center

By Mary Heller

Happy Spring to all of the Northern community! First of all, I would like to say a very heartfelt "Thank you" to all of you who have made the 2014-2015 year great.

This year's career fairs brought 73 employers to campus. That number is more than double the number of employers participating two years ago. Many of the employers were new to campus and are committed to continue recruiting of Northern students. In addition to the career fairs, the Career Center also coordinated more than 20 employer recruiting visits to campus where employers presented information sessions and conducted interviews for full-time and internship positions. We thank all of our employers for coming to Northern and look forward to working with them in the future.

The 2013 Graduate Survey was completed before the beginning of fall 2014 semester. We are pleased to report that of the graduates who participated in the survey, 93% of master degree graduates, 73% of bachelor degree graduates and 91% of associate degree graduates are employed in a field related to their chosen degree. Many of the other graduates in those degree areas either returned to college for more education or joined the military. Of the graduates who participated in the survey, 76% of them are employed in the state of Montana and 17% are employed out-of-state.

The 2014 Graduate Survey will be conducted this summer and we are confident that our placement numbers will continue to reflect the success of our students post-graduation. Graduates who filled out the survey last year, either by hard-copy format or online, were eligible for the following prizes:

- First Prize: \$400 Amazon Gift Card, won by Troy Wangerin who graduated Northern with an Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture Mechanics Technology
- Second Prize: \$150 Visa Gift Card, won by Jackie (Bahnmiller) Forest who graduated Northern with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Operations Technology

- Third Prize: \$75 Visa Gift Card, won by Tyson Kultgen who graduated Northern with an Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Technology

The same prizes will be available for drawing to our 2015 graduates if they complete the 2015 Graduate Survey.

Thank you to all staff and faculty members who have been supportive of the Career Center. Jen Henderson and I make every effort to help all the students we can. Seeing the fruits of our labors with summer co-op placement and full time employment offers makes it all worthwhile!

Have a very blessed summer and we'll see you next fall!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you preparing for finals? The Vande Bogart Library is open extended hours during finals week. The library is open Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Wednesday from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Watch for complementary coffee which will be available most evenings starting at 5 p.m. Good luck on your finals, and have a great summer.

Congratulations to all who will be receiving a diploma during the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May the 2nd. After graduation, be sure to stop by the library with your family and friends for refreshments.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

For those of you who like numbers, here are some interesting numerical facts about Northern:

270 - Number of Northern Network News issues (including this one) since the first issue on September 8, 2006.

177 - Number of NNN TidBits (including this one) since the first NNN TidBit on January 26, 2007.

110 - Number of combined years that Bill Danley, Kevin Johnson and Greg Kegel have worked at Northern.

86 - Number of years Northern has been in existence.

70 - Number of inductees in the Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame (prior to this year).

62 - Number of semesters in the history of Northern (including this one). Northern began on the quarter system.

44 - Number of years Northern was in existence prior to Bill Danley teaching at Northern (1929-1973).

42 - Number of years Bill Danley has been teaching at Northern (1973-present).

39 - Number of Annual Sweet Grass Society Pow Wows held on the Northern campus (including this weekend's).

35 - Number of years that soon to be retiree (and Golden "N" recipient), Kevin Johnson has taught at Northern.

35 - Number of flags hanging in the Vande Bogart Library foyer.

28 - Number of years that Debbie Ritz worked at Northern.

27 - Number of years that Betty Clark worked at Northern.

25 - Number of years that soon to be retiree Dr. Will Rawn has taught at Northern.

4 - Number of Tribal flags hanging inside the Vande Bogart Library.

2 - Number of 2015 Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (congratulations Coach Sherry Winn and Chara Ophus-Seibert).

2 - Number of 2015 Founder's Award recipient's (congratulations Gerry Veis and Mike Tilleman).

I would like to thank all who have read, assisted, commented, enjoyed, suggested and disagreed with the NNN TidBits this year. If you have any suggestions, please let me know by e-mailing me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com. Again thank you and, I'll be back with more TidBits in the fall.