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Northern Network News

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## MSU-Northern Celebrates 90 Years

Northern first opened its doors on September 24, 1929 with 5 faculty members and 80 students. The entire college was originally located in temporary quarters at Havre High School. In 1932, four departments moved to East Hall, the first building on the present campus.



Now, 90 years later, we can celebrate the many milestones people have achieved to bring us the facilities and programs we enjoy today. During the year, we will explore many of the highpoints in our history. To remind us that this is our 90<sup>th</sup> year, a new 90-year celebration logo will be introduced to the community on the Northern Alumni Foundation float during Havre's Festival Days parade. The logo will also appear during our upcoming homecoming game on September 28. Join us in celebrating 90 years of academic excellence.

If you have a favorite memory of your time at Northern, please share it on social media and use the hashtag #90YearofNorthern and your story may be featured.

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## MSU-Northern Remembers the 18th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks



On Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019, MSU-Northern joined the world in commemorating the 18th anniversary of the horrific attacks of 9/11 by eating some custom made cakes. The display and cakes in the SUB were designed to honor the 2,983 men, women, and children killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center site, the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93.

## Criminal Justice Students Take a Firsthand Look at a Police Car



Trooper Johnson of the Montana Highway Patrol joined students in the Introduction to Criminal Justice class (CJUS 121-101) this week to demonstrate every aspect of his patrol vehicle. He walked the students

through of a low risk stop and the procedures he uses. He also talked about the gear he carries on his vest and kept the students engaged by shared personal experiences in the field.

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## MPSEOC College Fair



The Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) is currently hosting its annual three-week college fair tour. MSU-Northern kicked off the Eastern Region fairs and was the first fair in Montana. The fair runs three weeks and covers the Eastern, Central and Western Regions of the state.

This year the fair welcomed 11 high schools, 65 schools and organizations and around 500 high school students. The recruiters and college representatives enjoyed their opportunity to answer students' questions and help make great plans for students' futures.

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# MSU-Northern Retires Bessie the Cow from Teaching

By Tom Welch



Bessie (aka *Bos taurus*) the cow has been a resident of Northern for over fifty years. She was originally purchased as a trainer for teaching agriculture students how to artificially inseminate cattle. She came replete with reproductive organs, lights, heater and a stanchion. Her only makeshift barn has been Brockmann Center 205 or the Ag Lab. Bessie arrived when Brockmann was brand new and she has observed a half-century of agricultural students and thousands of hours of both types of rumination and is now a very learned cow.



Bessie has been an easy keeper and a good docile bovine, which served her well when she ventured out on float rides in Havre Festival Days parades. She has also been herded in the spring of the year to the Northern Agricultural Research Center where she unabashedly helped educate hundreds of seventh graders on ungulate reproductive physiology.

Bessie has been branded by the Professional Agricultural Student Club and her PAS brand is officially registered with the State of Montana. Bessie has retired as an agricultural educator and currently has a place of honor, high on the west wall of the Ag Lab. She spends her days chewing her cud, relaxing

and startling freshman agriculture students by occasionally swishing her tail. For a short video of our beloved MSU-Northern Bessie, click the link above.

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## **Fifth Annual Suicide Awareness Walk**



Last night students participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Awareness Walk. The theme this year was “It’s time: To ask, To listen, To support.” Before participants walked around campus, they gathered at the clock tower behind Cowan Hall and told stories of healing and how suicide had affected their lives. Participants also stopped by the Cowan Hall Little Theatre for a short (20-minute) play, “It’s Time” written by local author, Mark Cichosz. The play focused on the thoughts and emotions of those affected by suicide. Free t-shirts were given to the majority of participants.

Photo by Jason Geer

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## **Upcoming Major Events**

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### **Northern Supports Havre Clean Up Day – Sept. 14**

Please join us for a chance to show your pride in our community as we clean up our town! The MSU-Northern team will clean 5th Avenue and the north side of the 13th Street hill. All the supplies necessary for clean up will be provided. Don’t forget to wear your Northern gear!

Northern’s Havre Clean Up is Saturday, Sept 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot next to Memorial Park (across from Tortilla Junction) Cinnamon rolls from Grateful Bread, water and coffee will be provided.

PLEASE RSVP to [amy.skryja@msun.edu](mailto:amy.skryja@msun.edu) by Wednesday, September 11, to ensure we have enough cinnamon rolls for all volunteers.

## Death by Chocolate – Sept. 14

Join the Montana Actors' Theatre for their 11th Annual Death by Chocolate Sponsorship Drive and Gala of Friends. The evening is filled with great food, chocolate, games, raffles, and of course, a show that is out of this world!

Tickets are \$40/each - \$75/couple -or- reserve a table - Captain Kirk Table - \$750 Jedi Table - \$500. Each table comes with its own perks! Call Jay at 945-0272 for table details!

Doors Open 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Dinner Provided by St Jude's Booster Club Space related costumes encouraged! Everyone wearing a costume will get one free drink! Tickets are available at Fivehead's, The Computer Center, Bear Paw Meats, and online at [www.mtactors.com](http://www.mtactors.com)



## Veterans Learning Center Open House – Sept. 20

The official open house for the Veterans Learning Center will be September 20 from 12-1 p.m. for all student veterans, student dependents, and veteran faculty and staff and then 1-2 p.m. for any other faculty and staff that would like to attend. There will be food and refreshments for veterans.

## KNMC Rock Lotto – Sept. 21



KNMC's 4th annual Rock Lotto is taking place Saturday, September 21st from 3-8 p.m. at Havre's Town Square. Rock Lotto is an event where local



musicians put their name in a drawing to be randomly placed into bands for a one-time only performance. This year, over 35 musicians signed up to create 7 unique lotto bands with musicians from Havre, Chinook, and Fort Benton. A cash bar and food vendors will be available.

If your campus club or organization would like to have a vendor table at this event, please contact [knmcradio@msun.edu](mailto:knmcradio@msun.edu)

## Get Involved in Homecoming! – Sept 23-28

### Second Annual Door Decorating Contest!

Homecoming is just a few short weeks away (Sept 23-28), which means it is almost time for our 2nd annual Door Decorating Contest! The team to beat this year: Student Central. Don't let those friendly faces fool you – they are not about to give up this beautiful trophy without a fight.



### Door Décor Scavenger Hunt!

We are also bringing back the popular Door Décor Scavenger Hunt (and the free beverage at the Northern Brew for completing it), so be sure to take a walk across campus and see all that Homecoming Spirit on display.

### Northern Fanatic Selfies!

Finally, we have the Northern Fanatic Selfies! Same contest, new rewards: this year when you send a Fanatic selfie, you will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Bookstore gift certificate.

Go Lights and Skylights!

## Campus Calendar

### Friday, September 13

- Skylight Volleyball @ Dickinson State University 5:00 PM

### Saturday, September 14

- S·A·T·U·R·D·A·Y Market - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Lights Football vs UM-Western - 1:00 PM

### Thursday, September 19

- Skylight Volleyball @ Lewis-Clark State College - 7:00 PM

### Friday, September 20

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due
- Havre Festival Days

## Saturday, September 21

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- S·A·T·U·R·D·A·Y Market - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Lights Football @ Carroll College - 1:00 PM
- Skylight Volleyball @ Montana Tech - 7:00 PM

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# TidBit

By: William Lanier

This past summer, Northern Alumni, Trooper Mitch Willett retired from the Montana Highway Patrol after a 20-year career. Mitch, originally from Ennis Montana, graduated from Northern with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Technology.



The following is from the Montana Highway Patrol Facebook page (July 8, 2019) "Congrats to Trooper Mitch Willett who retired after 20-year of service last week. He spent his entire 20-year career stationed in Glasgow. Pictured is Major Lavin presenting Trooper Willett with his retirement badge and crystal. Enjoy retirement Trooper Willett!"

Back in 1982, playing Quarterback, Mitch led Ennis to the Class 8-man State Championship. Ennis outscored Wibaux 38-28. Mitch Willett is also an Eagle Scout! Congratulations Mitch!

*If you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)*



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