



**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Northern Network News**

**The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - September 18, 2020**

## **Video – Cross Country Meet**



MSU-Northern hosted its first official cross country meet with 7 teams from around the state joining us in Havre for a day of running and friendly competition.

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## Cross Country Team Takes Fourth Place



MSU-Northern started cross country in 2015, now five years later they were able to host seven teams for the first Frontier Conference sporting event of the season. The 2020 Frontier Conference Preview Meet occurred last Friday afternoon (Sept. 11) at Prairie Farms Golf Course.

The Lights finished in fourth place as a team led by Field Soosloff's third-place finish in the men's race. He came across the line in 27:11.90 to lead the Northern men. Dan Kirwa took 17th place with a time of 29:15:.50. Liam Baez-Terry passed the finish line in 22 place and right behind him was Kai Krumwiede in 23th.

On the women's side, Allison Tigert led the Skylights, as she crossed the finish line in eighth place with a time of 19:56.90. Kaylee Nystrom crossed the line in 21th place with a time of 22:05:.8. Grace Schwenk ran a time of 23:17.7 crossing the finish line in 28th place.

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## Board of Regents Approves the “Tilleman Field” Name



On Wednesday, Sept 16, the Board of Regents approved MSU-Northern’s request to name its new football field the Tilleman Field. The name was approved after following the naming process, which received public comments and support for the name. Commissioner Clayton Christian, Regent Paul Tuss, and several other regents publicly expressed their support for the outstanding contributions Mike Tilleman and the Tilleman family have made to Northern over the years.

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## MSU-Northern Hosts Club & Organization Fair



On Tuesday (Sept. 15), MSU-Northern hosted the fall Club and Organization Fair on the sidewalk outside the SUB Ballroom. This event is a great way for students to see what opportunities are available and to encourage students to get involved. Getting involved in clubs and organizations outside the classroom are an important part of getting connected to Northern, making friends, building community, discovering passions and strengths, building resumes, and often helping students become more efficient with their time.

[Click here to learn about the clubs and organizations available...](#)

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## MSU-Northern Receives \$250K from GEER Fund



Governor Steve Bullock and Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian announced just over \$2.2 million in funding from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF) to be distributed to 19 projects supporting workforce development and remote education delivery for Montanans.

MSU-Northern will be spearheading a \$250K accelerated apprenticeship education initiative in plumbing and electrical programs that will be done in partnership with Gallatin College, Great Falls College MSU and the Billings MSU Career Center.

Examples of projects include an education initiative to address teacher shortages across Montana, a remote information technology program, and a pilot respiratory therapy program. All projects funded by the initiative will be based at one or more two-year institutions across the state of Montana.

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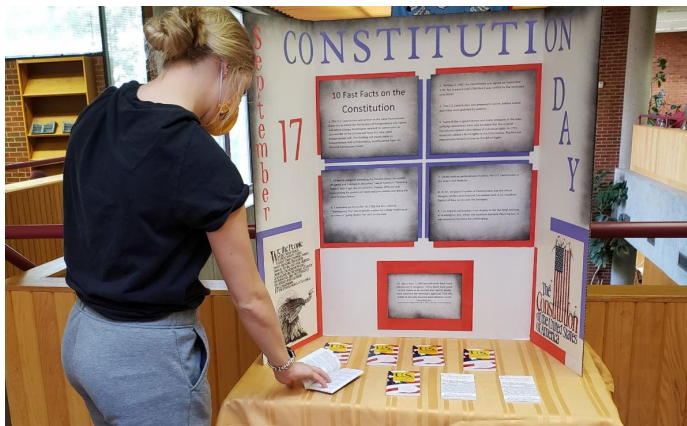
## MSU-Northern Honors 19 Years Since 911



On Friday, September 11, 2020, MSU-Northern lined the SUB sidewalks with flags in memory of the 911 terrorist attack on the United States. Nearly 3,000 people perished when hijackers took control of four commercial airplanes and crashed them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville, PA. On that day, more than 400 first responders gave their lives -- including 23 New York City police officers, 37 Port Authority workers, and 343 New York City firefighters.

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## Constitution Day



On September 17, 1787, our founding fathers signed the most influential document in American history, the U.S. Constitution. Every year, colleges and federal agencies around the country honor this historic event. MSU-Northern's VandeBogart Library has a display in honor of the historic event. Stop by the library and learn about our constitution.

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## Board of Regents Holds Virtual Meeting



Since COVID-19 came to Montana, the Montana University System's Board of Regents meetings have been hosted on-line. The September meeting was no exception. Each virtual BOR meeting has been conducted in a slightly different fashion. This time, each campus in the Montana University System hosted a "Zoom" meeting site where campus administrators and local regents could come to participate in the meeting. People wanting to participate in person had to attend at one of those locations.

The meeting was then streamed to the public through Montana Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

[Archived copies of the BOR meetings are available here.](#)

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## Important Announcements

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### Campus Hours This Semester:

As a general rule, all classroom buildings will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and closed on weekends. Buildings will be open as needed for evening or weekend classes or specific events. Building access is being limited this year to allow our custodial staff time to clean the buildings for the next day of classes.

#### Vande-Bogart Library

- Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday – Closed
- Sunday – 1-8:00 p.m.

### **Athletic Center/Gym**

- Monday – Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday - Closed

### **Food Services**

Due to COVID19, hours of operation will allow for an hour between meals for cleaning purposes.

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Breakfast: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Dinner: 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a limited menu

- Brunch: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dinner: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Please note: Meal service is not provided during Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break, and when all of the residence halls are closed. Limited hours are available during Observed Holidays when there are no classes and offices are closed.

### **SUB and SUB Fitness (Wellness) Center**

- Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday Closed

**Bowling Alley** – Closed

**Lights lounge** – Closed

**Mackenzie Hall** – Closed to the public

**Morgan Hall** – Closed to the public

## **Students... Register to Vote**

Federal law mandates that colleges and universities provide their enrolled students who are eligible to vote with voter registration forms in election years. This email contains a link to the [Montana voter registration application form](#) and links to helpful voter registration information. The upcoming elections for both federal and state offices occur Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

If you are not yet registered to vote, the [Montana voter registration application form is available online.](#)

[This website will allow you to confirm whether you are registered to vote in Montana.](#)

[Find additional information here](#) if you are unsure about your eligibility to register to vote in Montana or if you just want to learn more about the process.



## Complete the Census

Please find below some important information about the 2020 Census from <https://census.mt.gov/>:

- **If you have not yet completed the census, go to <https://census.mt.gov/> and follow the instructions to complete your census questionnaire. It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes!**
- **If you are a student going to college in Montana and living off campus, you should be counted as a Montana resident, because unlike your on campus classmates, you haven't been counted through campus housing.**
- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S territories.
- It only takes 10 minutes to answer 9 simple questions that will shape your community for the next 10 years.
- Your response to the 2020 Census is safe, secure, confidential, and protected by federal law.

### **THE CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT FOR MONTANA**

- *Montana receives more than \$2 billion every year in federal funding that is allocated to our state based on census data.*
- *Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Projections show Montana could gain a U.S. House Representative in Congress with an accurate count.*

For more information, please visit <https://census.mt.gov/>, [www.facebook.com/MontanaCensus2020/](https://www.facebook.com/MontanaCensus2020/), or call 406-841-2740.

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## Upcoming Events

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### **QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training – Sept. 24**

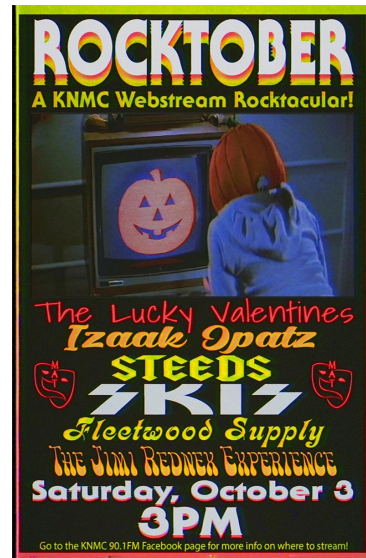
The Coalition is also sponsoring the second virtual QPR Suicide Gatekeeper trainings during Suicide Awareness month. The training is about 90 minutes long and covers a variety of topics around suicide prevention, most importantly how to question, persuade and refer someone who may be suicidal. The training session is scheduled for Thursday September 24th noon-1:30pm and is limited to 25 participants. Please register with Amber Spring at [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu).

[More Info...](#)

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## KNMC/MAT present: Rocktober web stream concert Oct. 3rd

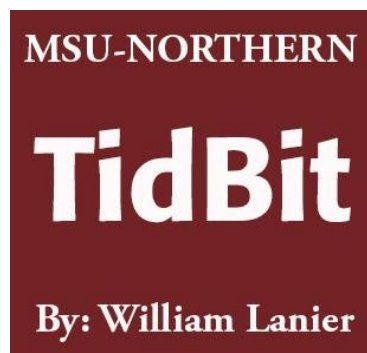
For the past 5 years, KNMC has been working to create opportunities for musicians of all skill levels to connect and perform around the hi-line. Two of KNMC's annual live music events act more like intramurals for musicians in that they put teams of players together for one-off performances. Unable to host such annual intramural music events like Tribute or Rock Lotto due to COVID-19, KNMC started a songwriting challenge back in May. Participants were given an opportunity to write a song in isolation and submit it by the end of the month. With social gathering restrictions still in place, KNMC has opted to continue the songwriting challenge until further notice.



Not everyone wants to be a songwriter, so this has left quite a few musicians without opportunities to perform and connect. To address this, KNMC teamed up with the Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) to start web streaming concerts, the first of which will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. This event will feature some of the Tribute bands scheduled to perform at KNMC's Spring Tribute event alongside some fantastic traveling musicians with ties to Havre and the hi-line.

If you're a musician who would like to participate in future KNMC music events, check out the North Central Montana Musicians group.

For more information on where to stream the performances, visit [facebook.com/KNMCHavre](https://facebook.com/KNMCHavre)



## My Top 10 Northern Facts

I received an e-mail earlier this week and was asked what I thought were the most interesting, stories, facts or TidBits about Northern, that I have come across over the years. Having over 300 TidBits, I thought that was very interesting question. Thus, I began looking over previous TidBits and here is the first of two lists.

1. The first female MOA (Montana Officials Association) sanctioned basketball referee in the state of Montana was Northern Alumni, Betty Clark.
2. Actor Bill Cobbs, attended Northern in the 60's and played football for the Northern Lights!

3. In 2004, Northern wrestler, Emmett Willson, won the coveted Hodge Trophy as the top collegiate wrestler in the country. Emmett is only the second non-division I wrestler and the only NAIA wrestler to ever win this trophy.
4. Former Northern wrestler, Rudy James, won a Silver Medal at the Veterans Freestyle World Championships in 2017 and 2018.
5. In 2017 Northern student Jacob Bachmeier was elected to serve as a Representative in the Montana Legislature at the age of 18. At the time making him the youngest state legislator in the nation.
6. Northern Alumni Don Holst, who was the second Skylights coach in the late 70's, was the head coach for the University of Montana Men's basketball team from 1998-2002 (57-56).
7. Current Stanford Head Women's Basketball Coach, Tara VanDerveer, who is 3rd all-time in wins among men and women, won her very first game against the Northern Montana College Skylights (70-68). Coach VanDerveer was coaching at the University of Idaho at the time.
8. Northern Alumni the late Steven R. Jasinski has an elementary school in Buckeye, Arizona, that is named after him (Steven R. Jasinski Elementary School).
9. In 2014, Northern Alumni Sydney (Sudan) Olson, participated and finished the Mountain Lakes 100. Sydney completed the 100-mile race in 28 hours and 57 minutes.
10. In the lower 48 states, only one other college/university has a location further North than MSU-Northern. Do you know what school that is?

Thank you for reading this week's NNN TidBits and thank you Kevin for the great idea! If you have an idea for the NNN Tidbit, please e-mail me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com).

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