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The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - September 1, 2023

Welcome to the Northern Network News

The Northern Network News (NNN) is MSU-Northern's newsletter designed to keep you informed about all the wonderful things happening on our campus. This year the NNN will be coming out on the first and third Fridays of the month during the school year (with the exception of vacations and holidays). If you want something included in the NNN, please submit it to potterj@msun.edu by Wednesday at noon, and make sure you include "For NNN" in the subject line of your email. Please continue to inform me of things that are happening in your area as I hope to attend as many events as possible. If for some reason I am not at your event please take pictures on your cellphone and email them to me. Thanks in advance for your contributions and suggestions. I look forward to reporting on an exciting new year at MSU-Northern.
Jim Potter, Director of University Relations.

3rd Annual Aurora Borealis Festival Enjoys Record Turnout



Last Tuesday, August 22, as part of the Welcome Weekend opening experience, students took part in the third annual Aurora Borealis Festival. Students, staff, and faculty enjoyed an evening of live music, local food trucks, lawn games, and a chance to visit with campus clubs and organizations as well as local businesses and community organizations.

Student Support Services Holds Open House



Student Support Services (SSS) is off to a tremendous start. We have 7 peer tutors covering courses in Writing, Math, Sciences, Welding, Electrical, and Plumbing. SSS hosted an Open House on Wednesday, August 30th. The purpose of the SSS Program at MSUN is to increase SSS participants' retention, good academic standing and graduation rates. Major components of the SSS program at MSUN include Academic Advising and Assistance in Course Selection, Early Interventions, Academic Tutoring, Academic Study Skills, Access to Technology and Textbooks, Career Development and Exploration, Financial Aid and Literacy Counseling, Securing Housing, Leadership Development and Engagement, and Grant Aid Awards.

Student Support Services is a grant-funded program that aims to help MSU-Northern students achieve and maintain good academic standing and graduate on time with a bachelor's degree. There is a brief application process, though you only have to apply once in order to be accepted into the program for the duration of your time at Northern. The majority of Northern students qualify, so we encourage all students to apply. Our staff offers both space and services. We spend our days being as helpful as possible to our students as well as the faculty and staff of Northern. We provide unwavering advocacy to our SSS Scholars!

Wet-Willy Keeps the Tradition Alive



Wet Willy has been a Northern Welcome Week tradition since 2008. The event featured a fun, slippery, wet time careening down Northern's North Hill. The event is sponsored by Chi Alpha. If you are looking for a club to get involved with, this is a great option. They meet every Thursday night at 7:30 in Morgan's Red room. They are a friendly non-denominational Christian club full of people who love to hang out and have fun.

Havre's National Night Out



MSU-Northern hosted the Havre's National Night Out with a free barbecue, live music courtesy of Blind Luck and plenty of activities for youth and families interacting with law enforcement, other first responders, and their community partners. The highlight of the event was a border patrol helicopter that was available for people to sit in. National Night Out is about crime and drug awareness and prevention, and about safety. Its focus is on gathering several law enforcement and first responder entities together with their community in a fun atmosphere to help make connections as neighbors.

Attendees were able to interact with representatives from the Havre Police Department, who hosted the event, as well as representative from the Hill County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, U.S. Border Patrol, Army National Guard, FBI, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Havre Fire Department, Bear Paw Volunteer Fire Department, and Hill County Search and Rescue.

Staff and Faculty Orientation



This year's staff and faculty orientation was spread out over several days and recognized MSU-Northern employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of dedication and hard work. MSU-Northern's Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs & Provost, Dr. Jennifer Brown provided an update on our upcoming seven-year accreditation visit from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Key members of the campus administration also gave updates on their respective departments and areas.



The "N" Wins the Elevator Artwork Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in voting for the new vinyl design that will decorate the second floor elevator in Hagener Science Center. Two ideas were presented for people to vote on – a golden "N" logo and a white MSU-Northern symbol. There was a total of 98 votes submitted, with 55 votes for the "N" logo and 43 votes the MSUN Symbol. The new vinyl will be installed later this semester.

DURING THE SUMMER

Here are some highlights of all the happenings on campus over the summer months!

Diesel Golf Scramble Raised Over \$10K

MSU-Northern's Diesel Advisory Board hosted their seventh annual Diesel Golf Scramble. The event raised over \$10K for the MSU-Northern diesel program. The two-day event saw 20 golf teams compete to raise some money for the advancement of the diesel program. Every hole had an industry sponsor this year. Numerous local and out-of-town businesses donated prizes for the Calcutta which took place on July 28th. Stockman Bank was the winning team.



Former Lights Football Player Signs with the NFL

In 2017, Dylan Cook came from Butte, Montana to play football for MSU-Northern. Cook was a 6-foot-6, 290-pound quarterback who did more running than throwing. He transferred to Missoula and walked on as a redshirt for 2018. He became the team's starter by week four of the 2019 season.

[Click here...](#) to learn how Cook's football career progressed to become a Pittsburgh Steeler. Good work Dylan, you make Northern proud!

Montana Farm Bureau Federation Visits MSU-Northern



Members of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation board and staff were on the campus of Montana State University-Northern to learn more about what Northern is doing in agriculture and what the campus' vision is for its new equine minor and Equine Center.

The mission of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is to support Montana agriculture through education, research, and community support, with a special emphasis on the development of the state's youth.

MSU-Northern Thanks the 2023 Montana Legislature for their Strong Support



The legislature showed strong support for MSU-Northern by funding many of the campus' deferred maintenance items and funding the second phase of the Aurora Complex. The Aurora Complex is a planned health and recreation building that will bring various state-of-the-art classrooms and student life-enhancing spaces to the campus.

House Bill 5 will fund the following deferred maintenance and building projects on the campus of MSU-Northern:

- Vande Bogart Library Roof Replacement - \$675,000
- Brockmann Center HVAC Upgrade - \$1,907,320
- Campus EMS Building Controls Upgrade Project - \$400,000
- Electronics Tech. HVAC & Lighting Upgrade - \$800,000
- Pershing Hall Renovation - \$2,400,000
- Metals Technology Building Roof Project - \$400,000
- Health and Recreation Complex, Operations & Maintenance - \$585,240
- Aurora Center – Health and Recreation Complex - \$25,000,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Closed Monday for Labor Day

This Monday, September 4, there will be no classes and offices will be closed for Labor Day.

Library's hours for fall 2023:

- Monday – Thursday – 7:30am – 9:00pm
- Friday – 7:30am – 5:00pm
- Saturday – Closed
- Sunday – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

[Click here to see the Library Website for Holiday Hours.](#)

Pure Gold Nominations

Pure Gold is accepting nominations for the fall semester.

<https://www.montana.edu/puregold/>

Join the Community Choir and Orchestra

Fall is here and it is time for musicians of every stripe to consider adding your voice or instrument's song to the MSUN Community Choir or the MSUN

Community Orchestra. There are no auditions required, just your time and musical talent.

The MSUN Community Choir will begin practice on Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in room 208 (the choir room) in Pershing Hall. The choir works on a number of different pieces in preparation for their final concerts including the Pianos and Pipes in December. Students may enroll in the 1 credit choir course if interested.

The MSUN Community Orchestra is trying something different this year. They are morphing into a Jazz Orchestra. The Orchestra will begin practice on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. The Orchestra works on a number of different pieces in preparation for a final concert. Students may enroll in the 1 credit orchestra course if interested.

For more information please contact Carol Reifschneider, carol.reifschneider@msun.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 1

- Maroon and Gold Kickball 1PM – East Lawn
- Hall of Fame Ceremony 6-10 pm - SUB Ballroom
- Skylights Volleyball vs Medicine Hat (Scrimmage) 7:00 PM - gym

Saturday, September 2

- Lights Football vs Rocky Mountain College 1:00 PM

Monday, September 4

- Labor Day Holiday - No Classes, Offices Closed
- Kickball – SUB lawn - 6 PM

Wednesday, September 6

- 2nd Annual Student Wellness Fair SUB Ballroom - 12-4 PM
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting SUB conf. Room – 7 PM

Thursday, September 7

- Career Wellness – Cowan Hall 213 – 11 AM-1 PM

Friday, September 8

- Skylights Volleyball @ Frontier-North Star Conference Challenge - 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 9

- Skylights Volleyball @ Frontier-North Star Conference Challenge - 12:00 PM
- Lights Football @ Pacific Northwest Christian College (Scrimmage) - 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 10

- Brough Coulee Hike - Havre Trails -TBD

Monday, September 11

- MPSEOC College Fair – gym - 12:30 - 2:30 PM
- ASMSUN Bowling Night - Harvest Moon Lanes – 6 PM

Tuesday, September 12

- Fall Wellcheck 6:30 AM - 10:30 AM – SUB Ballroom
- Archery Shoot (Planning) - North 40 - TBD

Wednesday, September 13

- Fall Wellcheck 6:30 AM - 10:30 AM – SUB Ballroom

Thursday, September

- Suicide Awareness Walk – By the clock tower – 6:30 PM

Friday, September 15

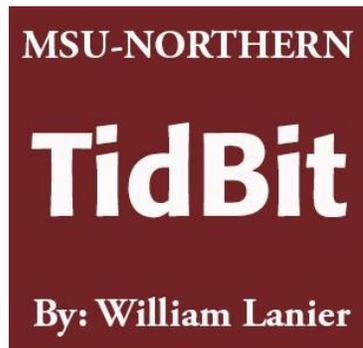
- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due
- Havre Festival Days
- Skylights Volleyball @ Preseason Frontier Conference Tournament - 9:00 AM
- Friday Nights Lights – Lights Lounge – 8-10 PM

Saturday, September 16

- Havre Festival Days Parade – Line up by Rods - 9:00 AM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Preseason Frontier Conference Tournament 9:00 AM
- Lights Football @ Arizona Christian University - 1:00 PM
- Tribute Band Concert TBA -

Sunday, September 17

- Havre Festival Days
- 2nd Annual MSUN Beast Run – Tilleman Field – 10:00 AM
- Counting Coup (live concert) – Cowan Courtyard



Welcome to the NNN TidBit (#395)

The NNN TidBit would like to wish all Northern students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Northern a SAFE and enjoyable new school year. For those of you who are new to the NNN, welcome! To returning readers, welcome back. The NNN TidBit is a weekly column centered on

Northern, alumni, or various other Northern connections. This is the 395th

edition of the NNN TidBit, which first appeared in the January 26, 2007, issue of the Northern Network News. In case you were wondering that would be 6,063 days ago or 16 years, 7 months, and 7 days!

The hope is that the TidBit is something that, you the reader, will enjoy and look forward to each week. I would like to thank all who have sent me e-mails in the past. PLEASE if you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com
Have a great year!

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