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Northern Network News

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## Donaldson Hall Nominated for the National Historical Registry



The Montana State Historic Preservation Office has nominated Donaldson Hall to be one of the five properties in Montana to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. It is being recommended because it stands as an example of the Depression-era Public Works Administration program and was designed by prominent Havre architect Frank Bossuot. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of those cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register includes districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. There are 1,971 places in Montana on the national register, 17 of which are in Havre.

Donaldson Hall was built in the 30's and was the third building on the campus of Northern Montana College. It was the girls' residence hall and was named Donaldson Hall in 1949 in honor of a deceased NMC English instructor. Constructed atop the hill just north and west of Pershing Hall, the building occupied a dominant position on campus. It was designed and constructed under a Public Works Administration self-liquidating load fund. Furnished and occupied in 1936, it provided rooms for 116 women, and was a social and elegant setting for college dances and receptions.

The building cost \$178,398.08. It was the first actual new building on campus. Poor materials and construction methods caused problems with the building almost from the beginning. After construction of a new residence hall in 1971, Donaldson Hall was unused for residence space. The lower floors were rented to School District 16 A and other organizations. Today, Donaldson Hall is unoccupied, but has a recently renovated space on the first floor known as the Donaldson Commons where receptions and meetings can be held.

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## Ryley Kehr Receives 1000 Point Award



On February 1, senior Skylight Basketball player Ryley Kehr from Columbia Falls, MT scored her 1000th career point in a Skylight uniform. Since that time, Ryley has added some more points and is well on her way to 1100 points. Ryley is a Physical Education/Small Business Management major and loves hiking, golfing and Country music. Congratulations Ryley on this outstanding achievement. You make Northern proud!

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## New Recruiting Team Working Hard to Reach Future Students



Under the skillful direction of Jessica Fagerbakke, a team of energetic recruiters are busy calling, emailing, and mailing literature to potential students. In another week, the team will be hitting the road to visit high schools and college fairs in Montana and Canada. Over Christmas break, MSU-Northern hired a new director of recruiting, Jessica Fagerbakke, and two new recruiting specialists, Janae Boles and Alex Rodriguez, who join Ethan Roetman, recruiter and assistant wrestling coach, to round out the new Northern Recruiting Team. If you know of someone who might be interested in coming to MSU-Northern, please give our recruiting office a call at 265-3704. This new team is excited to talk with all potential future Lights!

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## Valentine's Day... Share the Love

This past week was Valentine's Day. In honor of that much loved event, MSU-Northern students were asked, "What do you like about MSU-Northern," Here are some of their responses:

- *How face to face the classes are, I get an education that I'm able to ask questions and go to the professors anytime. The professors really care for you and if you are understanding the material*

- *I like how small the classes are, so the professor really gets to know you and understand how you like to learn.*
- *I like the friendly atmosphere and my instructors*
- *Small school with good programs*
- *The events they put on that are family friendly*
- *Professor to student ratio. Go Northern!*
- *The personality of the faculty, the abundance of events and the overall appearance of the campus.*
- *The people and the environment!!*

## Northern Honors Adopt-a-Light and Adopt-a-Skylight Families



Before the basketball games last Saturday (Feb.10) against Montana Tech., the Skylights and Lights basketball programs recognized the families who are part of the Adopt-a-Light or Adopt-a-Skylight programs. These programs were started in the 1980's and have remained an important part of our athletic programs to this very day. Families are paired with a Light or Skylight and serve in multiple ways to make the lives of those students better. For some students, the host families provide an opportunity to get out of the residence hall, have a home cooked meal, or simply watch a movie. For others, the program provides a link to the community and a chance to meet new people. MSU-Northern wholeheartedly thanks all of those involved, you make Northern Proud.

## Lights Wrestling Team Competing in the Cascade Collegiate Conference Wrestling Tournament



The Lights are heading to La Grande, Oregon for the Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships this weekend. First round starts on Friday, February 16, at 12 p.m. Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. and Championship finals will be at 5 p.m.

[Read more...](#)

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## MSU-Northern Faculty and Staff Participate in Active Shooter Course

On Monday, (Feb. 12) MSU-Northern presented The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) and Stop the Bleed Trainings sessions for staff and faculty. They were taught by Dr. Frank Zuccala who is an assistant professor at Northern a Senior Patrolman with Cut Bank PD. The other instructor was Reserve Police Officer Niall Atkinson from Deer Lodge PD. Both are certified instructors of the CRASE material.

Pat Blankenship was one of the participants of these workshops and had this to say about the training:

“Dr. Frank Zuccala's Crisis Training and Stop the Bleed Courses were great. He is so well trained and experienced. I could listen to him all day. It's been 5 years since I have been to a training like this, and it was very different from the past. I recommend everyone should attend his courses. He gave lots of ideas, statistics, and a website to report a crime to the FBI: [IC3.gov](http://IC3.gov). He also went over how to react to a shooter or act of terrorism on campus. There were no live gun simulations so that was nice. Also, the Stop the Bleed Course was wonderful as well. He taught us what to do to the stop bleeding on a gunshot victim, car accident, ranching accident, stabbing, etc. that may increase the victims' chances of survival.”

There are two more training sessions available, one on February 26, and one on March 18. To register, email: [Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu](mailto:Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu)

## Come Celebrate National TRIO Day



February 24, 2024 is National TRIO Day celebrating and raising awareness about the importance of educational opportunities for low-income and first-generation college students. Since that date falls on a Saturday, SSS will be honoring that day on Wednesday with refreshments in the SSS office.

Student Support Services (SSS) and Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) are both TRIO programs sponsored by Montana State University-Northern. VUB serves the entire state of Montana. SSS is located in Cowan Hall on the Northern Campus and has been making a difference in the lives of students since 1972. 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. Two hundred and forty students can be enrolled in the program.

The purpose of the SSS Program is to increase participants' retention, good academic standing, and graduation rates. Major components of the program 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. SSS staff offer both space and services for enrolled students. The staff spend their days being as helpful as possible to students, faculty, and staff of Northern.

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## **February 2024 Diversity and Inclusion Month**

### **Dates:**

February 1: National Freedom Day, which celebrates the signing of the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery in 1865

February is Black History Month in the United States and Canada. Since 1976 the month has been designated to remember the contribute of the African diaspora.

Chinese New Year (aka Lunar New Year, Spring Festival) begins with the new moon that appears between January 21 and February 20. The 15-day festival is one of the most important holidays in China

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **ATTENTION STUDENTS:**

#### **Scholarship Deadline Extended to March 1, 2024**

The Northern Alumni Foundation offers 23 scholarships that require a separate application. There are scholarships for agriculture, diesel/automotive, education, nursing, and other miscellaneous non-degree specific scholarships. Students can pick up the scholarship applications at the Foundation office located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Cowan Hall posted on the bulletin board next to Room 307. The scholarships can also be accessed at [msunfoundation.org/scholarships](https://msunfoundation.org/scholarships). Any questions, please contact Marla Shulund or Toni Pedersen, Room 307 in Cowan Hall.

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### **Important Deadlines**

Feb 19th (Monday) Presidents Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)

Mar 1th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon

Mar 8th-15th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

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## Crisis Response Training Available

MSU-Northern is providing two trainings to help you get better prepared for dealing with a crisis. The sessions are called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) & Stop the bleed-Save a life. Both sessions are being offered by Frank Zuccala in Hagener room 114 on:

- **February 26**
- **March 18**

CRASE begins at 9 am, Stop the Bleed begins at 11 am: Attend one or both

To register, Email: [Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu](mailto:Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## MSUN Spring 2024 Career Fair – Feb. 22

The Career Center reminds students and alumni to attend the Spring 2024 Career Fair on Thursday, February 22. Stop by the Gym between 9 am - 12 noon to network with potential employers, learn about job opportunities and share your resume. Forty eight companies have registered to attend. Many of these companies have traveled a long way to be here in Havre and they are eager to visit with students. Attendees are encouraged to take the time to stop by each table.



## How to prepare and what to expect:

- Log into your Career Express account today to review which employers are attending and their plans for interviews after the Fair.
- Use Career Express to research companies and their open positions.
- Come to the Fair with your questions. Employers are eager to connect with you.
- Have your resume polished up and ready to hand out.
- Some companies will be interviewing after the Career Fair. Sign up ahead of time on Career Express or directly with employers at the Career Fair.
- Dress appropriately – particularly if you plan to interview with a company after the Fair. Make your first impression a good one!

## Thank you to our Sponsors:

- **RDO Equipment**
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- **Frontline Ag Solutions**
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- **Wabtec Corp.**



## We Love Northern Ball – Feb. 24

The “We Love Northern Ball” is the signature annual event of MSU-Northern, and tickets and tables are now on sale through the MSU-Northern Foundation. The Ball will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Armory Gym on campus. The centerpiece of the event will be a three-course wine-pairing dinner, consisting of a Maine lobster cake appetizer, a main entrée of smoked beef brisket, and tiramisu for dessert. Those items will be paired with three incredible wines from Montana’s premier vineyard, Willow Creek Winery in Corvallis, Montana.

In addition to this amazing meal, the ball will feature live and silent auction items, and music by the Melissa Lynn Band from Great Falls. Last year, more than 210 guests attended the ball, and this year's goal is 300. Tickets are \$100 each, or a reserved table of eight for \$900. Northern faculty, staff and students receive a 25% discount, so those tickets are \$75 each, or a reserved table for \$600

For tickets and table reservations, visit Melanie Skoyen in the Foundation office in Cowan 305, or purchase them online at [msunfoundation.org](http://msunfoundation.org)

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## CALENDAR

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### **Friday, February 16**

- Lights Wrestling @ CCC Tournament

### **Saturday, February 17**

- Lights Wrestling @ CCC Tournament
- Skylights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 2:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 4:00 PM

### **Monday, February 19**

- Holiday ~ Presidents' Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

### **Wednesday, February 21**

- SSS Honors National TRIO Day - All Day
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Bank of America Info Session – Brockmann 203 – 4 pm
- Casino Night - SUB - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, February 22**

- Spring 2024 Career Fair - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Skylights Basketball @ University of Providence - 5:00 PM
- Lights Basketball @ University of Providence - 7:00 PM
- NITE (for MSUN Students), SUB-various locations – 7:00 PM

### **Saturday, February 24**

- Lights Basketball @ Carroll College - 2:00 PM
  - Skylights Basketball @ Carroll College - 4:00 PM
  - We Love Northern Ball - 6:00 PM
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# TidBit

By: William Lanier

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## **Dr. Randy Bachmeier**

This week's TibBit is going to highlight Northern Alumni and current Northern faculty member, Dr. Randy Bachmeier! Dr. Bachmeier graduated from Northern in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts – Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, History and English,

2001 with a Bachelor of Arts – Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, Business (Accounting and Finance) and in 2004 Master of Science in Education, Learning and Development. In 2009 Dr. Bachmeier received his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Psychology from Regent University.

Dr. Bachmeier has been employed at MSU-Northern for 22 years, during which time he held the positions of Project Coordinator (Community Technology Education Center), Director (The Learning Center and Online Learning), Dean for Extended University and currently as Assistant Professor in the Community Leadership program.

While a student at Northern, Dr. Bachmeier and his wife Christine spent time as the Managers of the Student Family Housing complex on the eastern most edge of the campus.

Prior to earning his Ed.D. and coming back to work at Northern, Dr. Randy Bachmeier was a reporter for The Daily News (Havre Daily News). The article that I remember more than any other was the one in the May 6, 1994, edition of The Daily News. The article was titled "The Last for NMC". This article summarizes the very last graduation for Northern Montana College, prior to becoming MSU-Northern. Here is that article.

# The last for NMC

## Class of 1994 ends NMC graduations

Randy Bachmeier  
Daily News

Members of the last graduating class of Northern Montana College, before the institution becomes MSU—Northern, will receive their diplomas Saturday.

And ironically, a memorial service on Monday, May 9, will mark the passing of Northern's very first graduate.

At 10 a.m. tomorrow in the gymnasium, more than 300 graduates will cross the podium, and at 11 a.m. Monday, a service in the Big Sandy Lutheran Church will memorialize an even loftier crossing for Gladys Sylvia Ophus.

In 1931, Ophus was the first member of NMC's first graduating class to receive a diploma, since her maiden name, Almos, was the first in the alphabet. She married Burton Ophus of Big



Daily News/Randy Bachmeier

Northern Montana College students worked frantically in the Vande Bogart Library this week to prepare for final exams. For many, it was the last finals week before graduating tomorrow, and for all it was the last Northern Montana College finals week. The institution will become MSU—Northern July 1.

Sandy several years later

Gladys Ophus was born in Rudyard in 1913 and died recently in San Diego, Calif. at the age of 80. She won a

scholarship to NMC and taught at a country school north of Hingham and at Rocky Boy.

Many other NMC alumni are also commemorating

change and the passage of time this weekend. The class of 1944 is celebrating its 50-year reunion today and tomorrow and will receive honorary recognition at the commencement ceremony tomorrow.

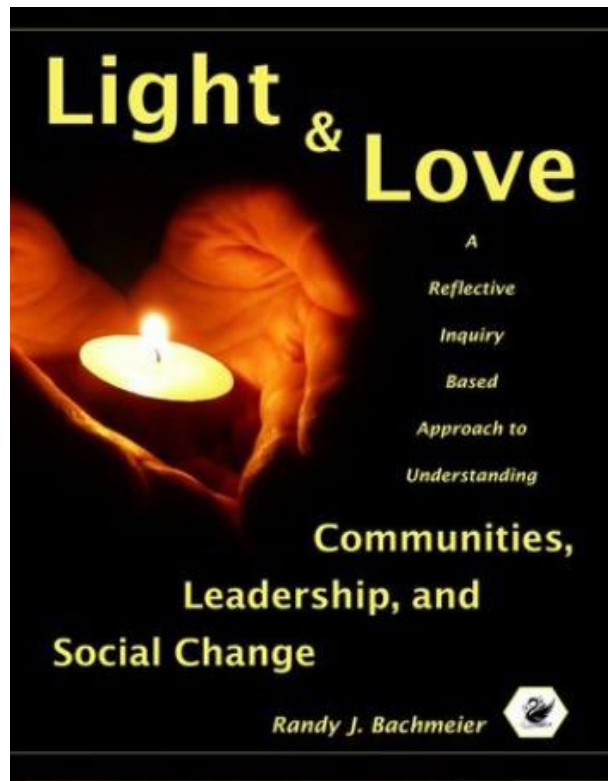
The commencement address will be given by Toni Hagener, a local author and historian, former curator of the H. Earl Clack Museum, trustee of School District A-16, and Hill County Commissioner, and now a candidate for Montana's House of Representatives in District 90.

Hagener is also the wife of the late Louis Hagener, NMC botany professor and chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics.

A buffet brunch honoring the graduates will follow the commencement ceremony. The brunch will be in the Student Union Building Ballroom and Dining Room. Tickets are available in advance at the Student Union Information Desk and will also be available at the door.

The NMC Founders' Day Excellence Awards Dinner is also scheduled for this evening.

Dr. Bachmeier's career as a writer, did not end when he came to work at Northern. This past year, Dr. Bachmeier completed his book *"Light & Love A Reflective Inquiry Based Approach to Understanding Communities, Leadership, and Social Change"*



The Facebook page, Light and Love states the following: "You have a passion for your community, and a vision for a better future, but where do you go from here? Light and Love provides an inspirational and reflective framework,

leading you step-by-step through the process of developing a well-reasoned action plan. In completing the book, you will discern a pathway to more meaningfully and effectively impact the world around you. Available in paperback and hard cover. Please, join us on this journey towards positive social change!"

The quote that I also read on this Facebook page that I believe is one that we all should live by is: "Love is not a way; Love is the only way!" For more information on this book please check out the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/light.love.shine>

If you are interested in Dr. Randy Bachmeier's book it is now available at the MSU-Northern bookstore.

Congratulations Dr. Bachmeier, thank you!!!

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