Homecoming King and Queen Crowned

After all the spirited and zany homecoming week activities the homecoming king and queen took part in, Northern's students picked their 2014 Homecoming Court. Here's the royalty this year:

- King & Queen - Matt McKeen & Janice Griebel with BACCHUS
- Prince & Princess - Hunter Chandler & Jennifer Polensky with Sweetgrass Society
- Duke & Duchess - Travis Dean & Mollie Rose with Student Education Association
Northern’s 2nd annual Glow Run took place during homecoming week. In this nighttime run, participants wore black shirts with glow in the dark letters and decorated themselves with glow sticks. This year 269 attended the event with the 5 mile run bringing in 18 runners. The 3 mile run had 169 participants, and the 1 mile 82 people. Almost 125 community members came out to the Glow Run. It’s great to see campus and community come together for fun! Thanks to all students and staff who helped make this year’s running event a success.

Northern Ambassadors Paint’N up the Campus
The Northern Ambassadors have stepped up to spread Northern pride around. As you walk around campus you probably noticed the letter "N" has been painted on the campus roads, lawns and the football practice field. This is part of a new project to by The MSU-Northern Ambassadors to help brand the campus.

**Winners of the Big-N Competition Announced**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Big-N competition. The winners in each category received 2 free passes to all of Northern's 2014-2015 home athletic games.

The winners of the Big-N contest are:

- **Independence Bank** - with their polar bear with the Northern Lights for the N with the best use of color
- **Debbie Ritz** with her N-tables for the most creative N and finally,
- **Holden's Hot Wheel** for the best overall N

Even though the contest has ended, you can still get a "Big N" to show your school spirit. You can pick up an assembled or unassembled "Big N" kit from the Chamber of Commerce or SUB info desk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.). The unassembled kit costs $30 and contains pre-cut wood to build and paint an "N." The assembled kit costs $50 and simply requires decoration. We are trying to get as many "N's" on and off campus as possible. We also want to encourage people to display their "N's" on game days if not all year long.

**Northern Receives Healthcare Grant**

This week the US Department of Labor revealed an award for Montana colleges totaling 15 million dollars of grant money to improve workforce development in the healthcare industry. The grant though "Montana CARE" (Creating Access to Rural Education) will allow 15 two-year, community colleges, and tribal colleges to partner with 39 healthcare providers to improve and expand the opportunities for Montanans to gain the skills and qualifications needed to fill high-paying healthcare job positions across the state. The grant will play a pivotal role in Pillar I of Governor Steve Bullock's Main Street Montana Project (Train and Educate Tomorrow's Workforce Today).

MSU-Northern is part of the group benefitting from the healthcare grant. Northern is scheduled to receive $637,940.00 towards the growth and development of its health-related programs.

This grant will greatly improve the future of Montana's healthcare, as it will equip much-needed replacements for the retiring and aging population of current healthcare workers. The need for well-trained healthcare professionals is great, as Montana is expected to see an increase of 1,300 health-related job openings each year until 2022.
Steven Don New COTS Chair

Recently when Greg Kegel became the Interim Chancellor, Dr. Larry Strizich became the Interim Dean of COTS. This left a vacancy in the Chair of COTS position. Following the guidelines of the Federation of Teachers Local 4045 Collective Bargaining Agreement (6.5 A), the college accepted applications from faculty in the college who were interested in the position, the applicants were screened and made presentations to the faculty, and the committee chair submitted two names (rank ordered) to the Interim Chancellor for selection. The Interim Chancellor and the Provost interviewed both candidates and made a selection.

Northern is proud to announce that Interim Chancellor Kegel has appointed Steven Don to take on the role of College Chair for COTS. In accepting this position, Steven vacated his position as President of the Academic Senate; Vice-president Loren Schlofeldt stepped up to the president position.

Students Start Dance Club

“Shake it Till you Make it Dance Club” is a new official club on campus that meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. This student initiated club started from a group of students who got together to share their love of dancing. They each take turns sharing dance steps and techniques and plan to hold monthly dances. This club sounds like lots of fun for anyone who loves dancing or wants to learn to dance. There is no cost to join this club. If you’re at all interested in learning how to dance, come check out the Shake it Till You Make It Dance Club.

Upcoming Events

Coed Volleyball- Oct. 6
Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin October the 6th. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Info Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m., October the 3rd. Games will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until October the 21st with the tournament
scheduled for October 27-28. You don't have to be trained or be a sports superstar to join a team. It's meant to be a fun time getting to know each other, while taking part in a fitness event.
SIGN UP TODAY!

Extended University Workshop- Oct. 8 & 10

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014 there will be a series of video lectures- filmed lessons and demonstrations to engage learners. Professors Carissa Brown, Kevin Ruby, and Joseph Todd will show off videos they've produced and explain the process they followed to produce their videos. This workshop will be hosted by Extended University. Join us for coffee, bakery treats, and some fun, hands-on training in Cowan Hall, room 107

A second workshop will take place on Friday, October the 10th at 2:00 p.m. in Brockmann, room TBA.

Lecture Series Combines Stories, History and Culture- Oct. 9

The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program, "The Legend of 'Poker Joe' Lean Elk," with Philip Burgess on Thursday, October 9, 2014. The performance will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be free and open to the public.

Burgess tells the story of an often overlooked figure in the Nez Perce flight for freedom in 1877. "Poker Joe" was a French/Nez Perce man named for his love of, and luck at, the white man's game of poker. After the disastrous Big Hole Battle, the tribe turned to Poker Joe to act as their trail chief, and many sources describe him as the chief architect of the legendary retreat that ended in that final battle in the Bears Paw Mountains in which Poker Joe was accidentally killed by one of his own people. Burgess describes how the spirit of Poker Joe led him to his own confrontation with the flesh and blood consequences of the Nez Perce tragedy, and his own mother's death, on a holy mountaintop on the Yakima reservation.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the fall 2014 Chancellor's Lecture Series:  

Fall Career Fair - Oct. 13

The 2014 Fall Career Fair is right around the corner! The fair will be held on Monday, October 13th from 9 a.m. - noon in the Armory Gym. Some employers will be staying afterwards to interview for co-op and full-time placement.

The fair is open to employers, students and alumni. At this point, there are 23 employers registered so be sure you are ready!

Call Jen Henderson or Mary Heller in the Career Center at 265-4198 for further information.

Flu Shot Clinic - Oct. 15

There will be a flu shot clinic on October the 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., cost is $20.00, no appointment needed. Sherry Kegel will continue to give shots Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. if you are unable to attend the flu shot clinic.
You are Invited

Community Appreciation Barbecue
Sunday, October 19th, 2014
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
MSU-Northern’s Applied Technology Center

Meet new Chancellor, Greg Kegel and
new Foundation Director, Jim Bennett

Enjoy a FREE barbecue, activities for kids, special seating
for seniors, tours of campus, and rides in the ‘Goose’!
Weekly Articles

Tidbits  
By Bill Lanier

This past weekend, Northern graduate, Sydney (Sudan) Olson participated and finished the Mountain Lakes 100. This was an extreme running race in that the “100” represents miles in the race. Per the Mountain Lakes website, here is some information about this race:

“One of the country's newest 100 mile races is also one of the most beautiful. Starting near Olallie Lake, and running along more than 25 lakes, this race features the best trail running Oregon has to offer - technical and rocky sections, views of mountain peaks in every direction, and 60 miles of luscious sections of the Pacific Crest Trail.”

There were more than 90 runners registered for this race and only 64 finished. Olson finished in a time of 28 hours and 57 minutes which placed her in 56th place of the 64 who finished. Among the women she placed 13th of the 17 who finished. Olson who is married with two children, graduated from Northern's Nursing department and currently works as a registered nurse in Oregon. She is originally from Bigfork, Montana.

The Computer Corner  
By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 8.1 Tip  
Prevent Apps from Running in the Background

Previously on Windows 8, when you would drag a Start Screen app down to the bottom of the screen, it would close the app. However, on Windows 8.1, this action will only make the app disappear: it is still running in the background. To actually close the app, drag the app down to the bottom of the screen but instead of letting it go, hold on to it. Wait until the app card flips over, and then the app is actually closed.

MSUN staff and faculty who aren't running Windows 8.1 on their desktops or laptops can contact the ITS Help Desk (3765) to schedule an upgrade.

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