ASMSUN Seeks to Establish Food Pantry for Students

MSU-Northern Student Body President Riley Mortenson shares their plans for a food pantry. "This year, Student Senate is pushing to establish a food pantry that Northern students can access. We are planning a campus wide food drive that will take place sometime in late October or early November. We are encouraging all of the clubs, organizations, sports teams, and campus colleges/departments to participate in the food drive. Our goal with this food drive is to have it stocked for Thanksgiving and winter break, not every student will be able to go home for that period of time and may not always have access to food on campus. By having our food pantry stocked with food, we are able to provide students with nutritious food during the break."
On Tuesday (Oct 6), Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen, was on campus to visit with Chancellor Greg Kegel, Darlene Sellers, and Dave Krueger. She had a tour of the campus and discussed ways OPI can improve the Career Tech programs in Montana high schools and how OPI can work with MSU-Northern to help establish clear affordable pathways into our programs. During her visit, she had an informal meeting with some young students from the Boys and Girls club who were visiting campus.

Arntzen also engaged with Teacher Education Students who will be student teaching in the spring. She shared sage advice to them about the first year in their own classroom: Be sure to find a mentor teacher in your school. Having an experienced teacher who will listen to you and support you in your first year of teaching. A mentor is important for many reasons—offering an understanding heart, a listening ear, and a shoulder to lean on. Northern’s Teacher Education graduates in spring semester 2021 will be the largest cohort of student teachers in over 5 years, providing new teachers for rural schools in Montana from Poplar to Cutbank to Great Falls.
Last weekend (October 2-3), MSU-Northern’s Rodeo Team hosted the annual MSU-Northern Rodeo which took place inside the Bigger Better Barn located on the Great Northern Fairgrounds. MSU-Northern’s Rodeo Team has enjoyed a busy fall with four back to back rodeo’s. They have traveled to Northwest College in Cody, WY, on Sept. 11-12; The University of Montana in Missoula, MT, on Sept. 18-19; Dawson Community College in Glendive, MT, on Sept. 25-26, and then home. Photos by: Jason Geer Photography
Rocktober Was Northern’s First Live Stream Concert

The KNMC/MAT co-sponsored event, Rocktober was a great success. The event featured five different acts who performed to a mostly empty theater and a couple of cameras. Our sincere thanks to everyone who worked to make this event a success and to the musicians who performed. We hope to continue a live music web-stream series at some point in the future. If you’re a musician and would like to participate in future events or join the North Central Montana Musicians group, contact Dave Martens at 406-390-1238.

Three MSUN Faculty Receive Promotions

MSU-Northern is pleased to honor the three faculty members who are receiving a promotion this year: Chad Spangler was promoted to Associate Professor and tenured, Terri Hildebrand was promoted to Full Professor and tenured, Cristy Ozburn was also promoted to Associate Professor. Please take
time to congratulate these faculty members when you see them around campus.

Modern Machinery Visits with Potential Employees

Modern Machinery was on campus this week to conduct an info session and 11 student interviews. Modern Machinery had four people representing three of their branches; they were Bill Crandall and Emily Johnson from Missoula, Jason Mosher from Billings and Kendall Velder from Boise.

Modern Machinery is in business to sell and rent high quality heavy equipment and provide exceptional product support to the construction, mining, and forestry industries. Modern Machinery began in 1944 with a single location in Spokane, Washington. Today, Modern operates full service branches in Missoula, Billings and Kalispell, Montana; Boise, Jerome and Pocatello, Idaho; Kent, Spokane and Rochester, Washington; Portland and Eugene, Oregon.

For many years, MSU-Northern has hosted a Career Fair in the fall so students could meet potential employers. In light of everything happening with COVID the Fall Career Fair was cancelled. Many employers are still visiting the campus or meeting with students online in hopes of hiring them.

Other companies will be conducting information sessions with our students either in-person or through Zoom Virtual presentations. The schedule for upcoming company information sessions is as follows:

- October 12th: Titan Machinery Virtual Presentation
- October 19th: Peterson CAT Virtual Presentation
- October 21st: Tractor & Equipment In-Person
- October 28th: GE Wabtec In-Person
• November 4th       Butler       In-Person
• November 9th       Holt Ag Solutions       In-Person
• November 16th      Tilleman Motor Company       In-Person

All info sessions will be available through Zoom. See Career Express for the link. Remember to schedule your interview through Career Express, ideally one-week prior to the industry visit, as spots are limited. For questions, please contact Jen at 265-4198 or Lisa at 265-3708 in the Career Center. The above schedule is subject change.

Diesel Advisory Board Goes Virtual

Dr. Dave Krueger, MSU-Northern’s Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, partakes in the Diesel Advisory Board meeting in the safety of his office. In light of COVID restrictions, the Diesel Advisory Board conducted their fall annual meeting virtually. In the past 10 years, virtual meetings have become more and more common. Advances in technology have made it possible for important meetings like our Diesel Advisory Board and Nursing Advisory Board to meet in the safety of one’s home or office. Virtual meetings will be the new norm even after COVID is only a memory.
New KNMC DJ spotlight
Barry is a new student DJ and host of “Random Radio” on Tuesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. on KNMC. Tune in locally at 90.1FM or stream at msun.edu/knmc. If you are interested in becoming a DJ, send an email to knmcradio@msun.edu

Mask of the Week – Dave Boles
Dave Boles served in the U.S. Navy as a Sonar Technician on the USS Scamp SSN 588. Dave proudly wears a U.S. Navy submarine mask. The submarine has a long history in the United States. There are three major types of submarines in the United States Navy: ballistic missile submarines, attack submarines, and cruise missile submarines. Now a submarine mask has joined the fleet to help keep America safe as well. Dave… Way to keep Northern safe.

Important Announcements

Food Court Announcement
ALL FOOD IS TO GO. YOU CAN EAT IN THE DINING ROOM IF…
· YOU HAVE A MEAL PLAN
· YOU USE THE FOOD COURT AS A PRIMARY MEANS FOR FOOD
· YOU EAT THERE EVERYDAY or MORE THAN ONCE A DAY
Otherwise please TAKE YOUR FOOD TO GO This is to help Keep Everyone Safe!!!

Upcoming Events

Events to Observe LGBTQ+ History Month
During the month of October, MSUN Safe Zone will be observing LGBTQ+ History Month and celebrating National Coming Out Day with the following virtual events:

**Safe Zone Module 1 - Wed. 10/14, 11:30-12:30 pm**
Increase your LGBTQ+ awareness and education to acknowledge and support LGBTQ+ individuals in the Northern and broader community.

**QPR Suicide Prevention Training - Wed. 10/21, 11:30-1:00 pm**
Earn your certification in QPR Gatekeeper Training; this month additional information will be given on LGBTQ mental health disparities.

**Initiate@8 (co-hosted with Residence Life) - Thurs. 10/22, 8:00 pm**
Initiate awareness, initiate change, initiate engagement, initiate involvement. ALL students are invited to a virtual chat to share and discuss ideas and opportunities you’d like to initiate at Northern.

**Safe Zone Module 2 - Wed. 10/28, 11:30-12:30 pm**
Building Allies. After completing module 1 & 2, Safe Zone allies can display signs to denote their support and signify safe, welcoming places on campus for LGBTQ+ individuals.

**“This is How it Always Is” Virtual Book Club Discussion (co-hosted with Havre-Hill County Library) - Thurs. 10/29, 4:00-5:00 pm**
"...a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it’s about the ways this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again; parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts; children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don’t get to keep them forever.” Start the book today and join us for a virtual discussion the end of the month!

**Initiate@8 (co-hosted with Residence Life) - Wed. 11/4, 8:00 pm**
Initiate awareness, initiate change, initiate engagement, initiate involvement. ALL students are invited to a virtual chat to share and discuss ideas and opportunities you’d like to initiate at Northern.

All events will be hosted virtually on Zoom. Please contact Amber Spring in Student Health Services to register for the activities and receive the Zoom call information. If you are interested in the QPR or Safe Zone trainings, but unable to make these times or dates, please contact Amber to find out about future trainings.
A Time to Reflect

In years past at this point of the year we are knee deep in Frontier Conference action and discussing post season for Volleyball and Football. This year we have been fortunate to have cross-country, golf, and rodeo highlight our fall sports season. This is a great time to look back and reflect on some of the outstanding Northern athletes from years gone by, thus, giving all Northern fans time to give serious thought about who should be in the Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. Who would you like to see in the Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame? A great place to see past individual and team records and accomplishments is go to the Northern Athletics website at https://golightsgo.com/

Back in 1992 a committee comprised of a couple members of the Northern Alumni Board began planning for a Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. The Northern Alumni Board approved this endeavor and the Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame was born. In February of 1994 the first eight Alumni were inducted. Now 26 years and 81 members later the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame is still recognizing the outstanding Northern alumni athletes. The only way that these Alumni Athletes may be inducted is for them to have a nomination packet completed and submitted. To see who is already in the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame please click on this link: https://golightsgo.com/honors/hall-of-fame

In the southwest lobby of the Northern Gymnasium (across from the concession stand) is the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame display that has plaques for all the inductees.

The Northern Alumni Foundation is currently working hard on their new website and will have more information on the exact process in the near future. In the meantime, if you are interested in nominating someone for the Hall of Fame or if you would like more information, please call the Alumni foundation office at (406) 265-3711 or e-mail Shantel Cronk at shantel.cronk@msun.edu

If you have an idea for NNN TidBit, please e-mail me at wjlainer1963@yahoo.com