Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk

Last night (Sept 9) MSU-Northern hosted the seventh annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk. This event helps raise the awareness of suicide and decrease the stigma in the community. Participants gathered around the clock tower in the Cowan Hall courtyard. Students and community members shared their stories of how suicide has affected their lives. Many of the participants made the walk with an umbrella to help illustrate this year’s theme, “Be someone’s umbrella.”
The Great Northern Fairgrounds was busy Saturday with a new event, the Viking Harvest. After the Viking booth could not operate at the Great Northern Fair this year, fairgrounds Manager Frank English arranged to hold a new event featuring the booth and other vendors along with live music, a car show and other attractions. An important part of this new event was the recently renovated Viking booth. This booth has a new coat of paint, new flooring, signs, and fryer. The booth will also double as a concession’s booth for Northern’s home football games, on our own campus. The MSU-Northern Athletic Department’s food trailer is now ready for many years of outstanding service to the Northern community.
On Wednesday, September 8, Tom Welch, Professor Emeritus in Agriculture from MSU-Northern, presented the first in a lecture series designed to expand student leadership skills. Dr. Welch spoke on “Understanding Parliamentary Procedures for Effective Meetings.” “He did a fantastic job of teaching the basics, increasing participants’ understanding of how parliamentary procedures can increase effectiveness of meetings, and - perhaps most relevant to our students – how this format can decrease the time spent in ‘boring, unproductive meetings,’” said Amber Spring.

Blood Drive Helps Keep People Alive
Lee Lounder, outreach specialist for the Northern Alumni Association, was one of the many people who gave blood on Wednesday (Sept. 8) at the fall American Red Cross Blood draw. This event is essential for Montana to maintain a healthy blood supply.

**Sailesh Mesmerized the Crowd**

Thursday night (Sept. 9), the world-renowned hypnotist, Sailesh, took the entire audience on a journey using hypnosis, improv, music, and interactivity to create a whole lot of laughter and a ton of fun!

**Mamma Mia – Opens Tonight**
Montana Actors’ Theatre is proud to open their doors this season with the live musical “Mamma Mia.” This romantic comedy is based on the 2008 jukebox musical based on the songs of pop group ABBA. The plot follows a young bride-to-be who invites three men to her upcoming wedding, each one with the possibility of being her father.

MAT encourages patrons to wear masks during times of high community transmission of COVID as determined by the Hill County Health Department or the CDC. MAT also requests that patrons who have any respiratory symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19 contact us for an exchange or refund of previously purchased tickets.

Click here for tickets...

Ventriloquist David Pendleton Delights Audience

Ventriloquist and comedian David Pendleton came to Havre to help the community celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Hi-Line Pregnancy Resource Center.

As one of the nation’s premier ventriloquists, David makes you believe that anything can talk! David brought a wide range of comedic characters including lovable but blunt Aunt Tilly, a 94-year-old spinster; quick-witted trouble-maker Mack Elroy with his sidekick Buford the Beagle; and rounding out the cast, Vern, a slightly misguided albino vulture.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY HOURS CHANGED
Next week (SEP 13-17) the library will be open 8-5 PM CLOSING at 5 PM
Electronic resources available anytime/anywhere—use NetID.
We apologize for the inconvenience.

Location for Lights Football Game
This Saturday's football game will be played at Autzen Stadium, home of the
Oregon Ducks, in Eugene, OR. It is scheduled for 12:00 Oregon time, 1:00 our
time.

Difference Between COVID-19 & Flu
Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but
they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a
new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2), and flu is caused by infection with
influenza viruses.

COVID-19 seems to spread more easily than flu and causes more serious
illnesses in some people. It can also take longer before people show
symptoms and people can be contagious for longer. More information about
differences between flu and COVID-19 is available in the different sections
below.

Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be
hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing
may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

While more is learned every day about COVID-19 and the virus that causes it,
there is still a lot that is unknown. This page compares COVID-19 and flu,
given the best available information to date.

Read more...

Be Part of the Festival Days Parade
Reserve your place at the front of the Festival Day Parade. If you plan to have
a float in the parade, please let Jim Potter know at potterj@msun.edu so he
can coordinate Northern's portion of the parade. Havre's annual Festival Days
Parade is next Saturday, September 18. Northern is once again the official
sponsor of the Festival Days Parade, so we want to have as many campus groups represented as possible. This is a great way to show your Northern pride and be all N.

**Hill County Health Department Recent Recommendations**

The Hill County Health Department has provided the following instructions and guidelines to help limit the transmission of COVID-19 to others.

[Click here for more information....]

**Be a Part of the Community Orchestra or Choir**

The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra and Choir are looking for talented musicians who are longing to dust off their instrument and make some music. These groups have been part of numerous community concerts, musicals, and piano and pipes Christmas concerts. Students are able to get college credit for participating in either or both of these groups. If you are interested in joining one of these outstanding groups, please contact Rhonda Minnick at [rhondaminnick@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondaminnick@yahoo.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MSU-Northern Supports Havre Cleanup Day! - Sept. 11**

Please join us for an opportunity to help our community as we clean up our town! The MSU-Northern team will clean the perimeter streets of the MSU-Northern campus. All the supplies necessary for clean-up will be provided. T-Shirts will be provided as well!

Northern’s Havre Cleanup Day
Saturday, Sept 11th
9:00am – 12:00pm
Meet at SUB
Cinnamon rolls, water, and coffee will be provided.
Tool Day – Sept. 14

Mac and Snap-On will be in the ATC foyer on Sept. 14 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM so registered students with a current student ID in the trade programs can order tools at up to a 50% discount. This is a great way for students to purchase high quality tools for their future careers.

Festival Days – Sept 17-19

In the 1960’s the nostalgic Music Festival was discontinued leaving Havre without a community celebration. In 1980, a group of community members organized the first Havre Festival Days. Festival Days has become a fitting conclusion to the summer.

The weekend starts on Friday with the opening of the 48-hour softball tournament, the Quilt Show, the Friends of the Library Book sale, and the Havre Eagles Club Burger Feed & Bingo from 5:30pm-7pm.

The fun continues on Saturday starting with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The 10 am Festival Days parade really gets the Saturday schedule of events going. The parade truly captures the spirit and pride of the community, from the HHS Marching band, to floats representing clubs and organizations, to local businesses, including farm equipment and horses.

Click here for the complete Festival Days schedule...

Hi-Line Games – Sept. 19

American Indian Heritage Week – Sept 19-25

Homecoming Week – Sept. 20-25

Home Rodeo – Sept. 24

The Power of the Student Voice – Oct. 13

The second session of the Student Leadership Series will be Wednesday, October 13, at 5:00 pm, in the SUB Ballroom. Margarett Campbell and Paul Tuss will discuss “The Power of the Student Voice.” Both speakers come with a wealth of experience in leadership roles where the student voice was imperative. They will speak on how to communicate effectively so that student voices are heard at the administrative level – whether that be on campus, in
the community, at the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Senators, Representatives, or the Governor’s Office.

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Here we have our second Northern Trivia TidBit. I would like to thank those of you who e-mailed me after last week’s TidBit Trivia. Next week’s edition will have the answers to both this week and last weeks. Now on to our second Northern Trivia TidBit.

Please identify the location of these four items?
Can you identify this person and what their major accomplishment is in this picture?

Again, this is just an example of some things that may or may not be included in the trivia contest on September 22nd! Do you have an idea for a Northern trivia contest question? If so, please send it to me at wjanier1963@yahoo.com Please see next week’s TidBit for the answers. Remember that on September 22nd at Old Station Brewing in Havre, the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation will be sponsoring the Trivia Nights that will have a Northern theme.