



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

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Lights Celebrate a Historic Win



Tilleman Field was definitely the place to be Saturday (Oct. 23) as the enthusiastic campus and community helped cheer the lights football team on to a 22-20 victory over Eastern Oregon University.

"It just shows the resilience of this team. Anyone could have given up right there, not this team. This team is tough. This team's resilient," MSU-Northern head football coach Andrew Rolin said. "Nothing in our past had anything to do with today and I told them you show up and do your job and the rest will take care of itself and they did it today."

This game was one for the history books in three ways. First, it was the first win for Northern on their new Tilleman Field. Secondly, this win broke a long losing streak and lastly, to our knowledge, this was the first time in Northern's football history that the Lights have gone into five overtimes.

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Governor Gianforte Visits Campus



Montana Governor Greg Gianforte was on campus Wednesday (Oct. 26) to see firsthand the completed DTC. The last time he was on campus, the DTC was still under construction. He and some of his administrative assistants were able to talk about education and the role colleges and universities can play in Montana's ongoing economic development. He complimented Chancellor Kegel on Northern's practical programs, the impact Northern's grads are having on the Montana economy. He wished more of the universities were like Northern.

Gianforte spent his entire career focusing on creating jobs and opportunities. He founded five different startup companies. He's worked to improve Montana's economy through the "Better Montana Jobs" project. He also launched scholarship programs to help low-income students and veterans pursue the education and training they need to start a career in Montana.

MAT Holds Auditions for *A Christmas Carol*



Montana Actor's Theatre (MAT) conducted their auditions for *A Christmas Carol* on Tuesday and Wednesday nights (Oct.26-27). MAT will be presenting *A Christmas Carol* this December with all characters being Bunraku puppets. During the auditions, people were divided into groups of three and given the opportunity to experiment with how to animate a puppet. Each puppet requires three actors to operate. Therefore, this will be a very large show as they need at least 30 people!

Northern Receives \$15,000 PATH Scholarship to Support Students



MSU-Northern has been awarded \$15,000 from The Progress, Accomplishment, Thriving, Hope (PATH) Scholarship, which is provided by the Ellucian Foundation. Established in

2020, the PATH Scholarship provides grants to higher education institutions to support students facing economic hardship.

The PATH Scholarship awards block grants between \$10,000 and \$25,000 (USD) to higher education institutions to help students cover items such as

housing, tuition, and food. Individual students receive a maximum award of \$1,500 (USD) with limited exceptions.

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MSU-Northern Welcomes Dr. Beth Durodoye to Campus

MSU-Northern is pleased to announce Dr. Beth Durodoye as the new Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE). Dr. Durodoye comes to MSU-Northern with an EdD in

Counselor Education from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and a wide range of education, administrative, and counselling skills. For the past nine years, she has been a professor and the chair for the Department of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. Her office is in Cowan Hall 309. Feel free to stop by and welcome her to campus.

MSU-Northern Hosts MPSEOC Fall Counselor Update



On Tuesday (Oct 26), MSU-Northern was pleased to host the 2021 Fall MPSEOC Counselor Update. This event gives every college or university who is a member of the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council a chance to share with all of the high school guidance counselors the changes in programs or activities on their campus. They were able to offer a “live” interactive online chat for people to post their questions and have the institutions address them throughout this event.

MSU-Northern Hosts a Virtual ABET Accreditation Visit



This past week (Oct. 25-27), MSU-Northern hosted an Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) virtual accreditation visit. ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental agency that accredits programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. ABET accreditation provides assurance that MSU-Northern’s civil engineering program meets the quality standards of the profession for which that program prepares graduates. During their three-day virtual visit, they met with the members of the CET Advisory Board and key administrators from across the campus. The visit went very well and their exit comments were very positive.

Last Weekend to See a *Kiss of Death* and Other Tales of Horror



Kiss of Death, directed by Dr. Valerie Guyant, is a series of shorter plays staged in Grand Guignol style. They rely on some humor, tension, and stage violence to present entertaining tales of the vagaries of humanity. Staged by Montana Actors Theater, this show includes the involvement of seven university professors and staff, six current Northern students, five former Northern students, and numerous community members. Performances are this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (October 28-30) at 8 pm and there are midnight showings October 29th and 30th. Please be aware that there is simulated stage violence, including blood and gunfire.

[For tickets...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Safe Zone Trainings – Oct. 29

Friday October 29 (10:00 - 12:00 noon)
email amber.spring@msun.edu to register

The first hour (Module 1) is focused on building awareness and knowledge about LGBTQ+ identity. Note this module was updated this past spring, so if it has been awhile since you attended, you may want to come and build your knowledge!

The second hour (Module 2) is focused on building skills to become a more effective LGBTQ+ ally - in the classroom, your office, or the greater campus community. You will learn the components of active listening and tips to build a more inclusive classroom, office, or environment.

After completing both modules, you will have the option to be recognized as an LGBTQ+ ally on the MSUN campus. You will be provided with a Safe Zone placard, which designates your office as a safe, welcoming place on campus and denotes support for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Spamalot Auditions – Nov. 3 & 4

7 p.m. in the MSUN/MAT Theatre

24-Hour Play Festival – Nov. 5-6



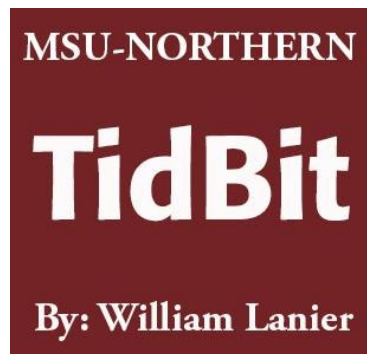
Our 5th Annual 24 Hour Play Festival will be November 5 and 6. Social gathering and team drawing November 5 at 7 pm. Shows presented November 6 at 8 pm.

We are looking for writers, directors, actors, and tech assistants for this fun filled and frenzied event. Writer have 11 hours to write a 15-minute script and director and actors have 12 hours to rehearse shows for performance.

[Learn more...](#)

Blood Drive – Nov. 10

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is November 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is currently a critical blood shortage so we want to encourage everyone to donate. If you have never donated before, there is no better time than now to give the gift of life to someone! You can sign up by logging on to RedCrossBlood.org or contact Wanda Meredith at wanda.meredith@msun.edu or 265-3599 to sign up.



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Remembering Steve Helmbrecht

Last week the Hi-Line, Havre, and Northern lost one of its finest, Mr. Steve Helmbrecht. Over the years, Steve wove his life into the into the heart and soul of Northern, Havre, and the Hi-Line. One did not have to go far to see the impact that he made. You could always count on a friendly smile, hello, and a conversation. Steve’s passion for art and the community he treasured were evident in his life’s work and hobbies. In addition to his photography skills, pottery/ceramics was a large part of Steve’s life and service to Havre.

In 1997, Steve made and donated approximately 250 bowls to the Havre “Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen” for a chili fundraiser and then did it again in 1999. The August 24, 1999, edition of the Havre Daily News stated, “Helmbrecht spent a total of about 250 hours making the bowls...” Keep in mind this was for one fundraiser utilizing his pottery skills and he did this for multiple organizations over the years, including in 2020 for the Havre Dog Park.

Here are some pictures of Steve Helmbrecht’s ceramic skills and some of the organizations that he supported through his ceramic skills:



As was pointed out by Bear Paw Development, Steve served in the Montana legislature. He was elected to the Montana House of Representatives on November 5 1974, representing District 8. The November 6th, 1974, edition of the Havre Daily News stated, "Helmbrecht won over Republican Dick Schafer, 1,454 to 765." In his attempt to keep his constituents informed, Steve would have updates in the Havre Daily News like the one here from the January 31st, 1975, edition of the Havre Daily News. Steve served in this position for two years.

In 1990 Steve Helmbrecht was elected president of the Montana Professional Photographers Association. As the May 18th, 1990, Havre Daily news stated that was 35 years after his father, Vern Helmbrecht, held the same position.

While researching for information on Steve Helmbrecht, the following advertisements were seen in the NoMoCo for Helmbrecht Photography:

Helmbrecht Photography
 Box 630 224 4th Ave.
 Havre, MT. 59501
 406-265-4252

Steve Helmbrecht

*"Craftsmen in the Art
 of Photography"*

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While this part of the world is a bit dimmer with the passing of Steve Helmbrecht, we are all better off because of Steve and the people he touched. If you were lucky enough to have had been one of those touched, you are better off.

To show the impact that Steve made on people here are just a few of the tributes that were flowing on Facebook:

We are saddened to learn that we lost a member of the Northern family today, our ceramics instructor since 1999 and long-time area photographer. Steve Helmbrecht, we know your light is shining bright on the other side. We are forever thankful for your generosity and kindness. Until we see you again!
Northern Alumni Foundation (10/21/21)

Like so many others, I was blessed to have known this amazingly talented, kind, humorous, compassionate and intelligent man. This community ~and the entire Hi-Line~ has lost a treasure and a legend. We'll cherish your memory, Steve, and be forever grateful for the beautiful art and photography you left behind...you captured so much beauty in people and nature. RIP My Friend Pam V. (10/21/21)

Steve was a wildly talented and genuinely kind man. We are all so fortunate to have experienced the beauty of life as he saw it through his art & friendships.
Jamie M.

My favorite coffee mug became a lot more special today. Thank you, Steve, for showing how beautiful the world can be if you look at it with a different perspective! I will miss you! Rest easy.
Joe R. (10/21/21)

From school pictures to sport pictures (t-ball, soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track) cheerleading, choir and a variety of organization my children have been blessed to have Steve Helmbrecht help capture their childhood and it is with heavy heart to hear that future generations will not have this! I hope your last journey hold many memories of those you captured on film!
Brenda E (10/21/21)

Steve, thank you for the pictures, the art, the ceramics, the lessons, the community service, the smiles, the compassion, the drinks and the friendship. Hopefully you know how important you were to Havre, Northern and the Hi-Line. RIP in my friend!

Thank you for reading and if you have an idea for a TidBit, please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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