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The Life of a Diesel Tech - Video



MSU-Northern alumni Kareem Vollenweider of Tractor and Equipment Co., and Layton Ophus of Modern Machinery talk about what a day in the life of a diesel technician looks like.

Brian Hoven Named Commencement Speaker

Montana State University-Northern is proud to announce that Brian Hoven will deliver the 92nd commencement address on May 7, 2022. Commencement will take place in the Armory Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Hoven was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana. He graduated from Great Falls High School in 1959 and Princeton University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science and Engineering Degree. Brian went to work for Proctor & Gamble in Augusta, Georgia, as a shift foreman in a detergent plant. He entered the Army Reserve in 1964, and was on active duty at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During 1965, after active duty, he returned to Augusta, Georgia, and met and married Barbara Tucker.



In 1968, they were transferred to a new plant in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 1972 they moved to St Louis and in 1974 to Cincinnati. In late 1977, Brian, Barbara, and their two children left Proctor & Gamble to start a farm equipment dealership in Great Falls, Montana. By 1988, they had a net worth of -\$365,000. All education is expensive. With the aid of an SBA Disaster Loan and applying the knowledge they learned in the first ten years, the hole was filled.

By 2003, they were able to offer their son a position with the dealership. With Sean in the business, Brian was able to pursue a lifelong goal of running for the State Legislature. In his first race in 2006 for SD 12, he was thumped. In 2008, he selected the House District he performed the best in 2006 and won HD 24 by forty-three votes. After three terms in the House, he ran for SD 13 in 2014 and won by ninety-seven votes.

In 2018, he won comfortably and will be leaving the legislature on December 31, 2022. He continues to work at Hoven Equipment Company and is active in the community with Great Falls College – MSU, the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and Cascade County Republican Party.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Explores Victim Vulnerabilities



MSU-Northern's Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development Committee, in partnership with OTLE, hosted the second lecture in their Spring 2022 Brown Bag Lecture Series. Dr. Samantha Balemba-Brownlee, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, presented on the topic, "Victim Vulnerability: How Disabilities Affect the Likelihood, Characteristics, and Outcomes of Sexual Assault." Dr. Balemba shared her research, which analyzed the role of victim vulnerability and the ways that these factors contribute important pieces of information to the crime puzzle.

Students Showcase Their Art



Last Friday (Mar. 25), the Student Art Show opened in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. The show features a nice sampling of artistic styles and Medias. This show was organized by the new campus art club.

Industry Nights Finished Up in Billings



Potential students and parents attended the last two Industry Nights at Tractor and Equipment in Great Falls (Mar. 24) and at RDO in Billings (Mar. 29). Industry Night was a new way for industry professionals to talk about career opportunities in the technical fields. They learned how Industry and MSU-Northern work together to prepare students for future careers in the diesel industry. Each event had representatives from Modern Machinery, Tractor & Equipment Co, and RDO Equipment Co! All of the events were well attended.

Northern Athletes Celebrate Their Accomplishments



On Wednesday (Mar. 30), the Northern Athletic Department hosted their annual Northern Athletics Banquet. This event is an opportunity to honor each of our student athletic teams and their various individual achievements. Seniors received a watch and the athletes of the year were named. The official presentation for the athletes of the year will occur during tonight's Spring Fling.

Last Weekend to See Anastasia - April 1-2



HHS, MAT, and the MSUN Community Orchestra are pleased to present their version of the Broadway musical *Anastasia*. From Tony winners Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty, and Lynn Ahrens, creators of such Broadway classics as *Ragtime* and *Once On This Island*, this dazzling show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Tickets are available at the door or through the link below. MSUN students are free with a valid MSUN ID.

[For Tickets...](#)

Retired Staff Help with Northern Archives



Five retired staff members (L to R) Sue Swan, Denise Brewer, Vicki Gist, Cathy Jamruszka, and Sharon Caven, got together Wednesday to help identify the people in some of the thousands of pictures in the Northern archives. They had so much fun with the event that they decided to do it every other week. Way to go retirees, you make Northern proud!

Staff Appreciation Spotlight



The Chancellor took his Staff Appreciation Spotlight crew down the hill to the other end of campus to feature the amazing team in the dining services. These are the people who make sure our students are well fed and our major events have the food and refreshments they need.

These offices include the following staff members:

Food Service – Becky Toth, Linda Collins, Debi Friede, Scott Guyant, Julie Hentschel, Liz Leeds, Clara Osborne

Student Life – Taryn Wallon, Dave Boles, Carrie Corner, Thomas Friede, Tom Kase, Sonya McMahon

Student Activities – Tammy Boles

UPCOMING EVENTS

MSU-Northern PRCA Extreme Bares & Broncs Challenge – April 1-2

MSU-Northern PRCA Extreme Bares & Broncs Challenge will be on Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2. The start time is 6:30 p.m. both nights. Pre-ticket sales are \$18 and can be purchased at Norman's Ranchwear, Western Trailer Sales, Independence Bank, and Stockman Bank or you can purchase them at the door for \$20 and kids 10 and under are free. This event will be aired on National TV with the Cowboy Channel. We will have the top 20 Bareback & Saddle Bronc riders in the current world standings in Havre, MT, this Friday and Saturday night!!! It is a great family fun event for everyone.

Spring Fling – April 1

RATED AS THE BEST LIVE AUCTION & DINNER FUNDRAISER ON THE HI-LINE the Spring Fling dinner and auction is held in Northern's Armory Gym and includes both live auctions and silent auctions.

There will be games, silent auctions, live auctions, an \$8,000 cash raffle drawing, and an amazing dinner prepared by MSUN Food Services! Plus, we will be recognizing our amazing athletes! Join us for the NLSAF's largest athletic scholarship fundraiser of the year! This event is sold out and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Local Colleges Develop a New Way for High School Students to Become Teachers – April 4

Montana State University-Northern and Great Falls College – MSU will be hosting a Teachers of Promise Pathways (TOPP) program reception on Monday, April 4, 2022, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Great Falls College-MSU in room G45/46. The reception is an exciting opportunity for all stakeholders to meet and develop connections to support and expand the opportunity for all high school students to consider a career path to teaching--the most important career.

[Read more...](#)

Awards Celebration – Apr. 8

Join us on April 8, at 10 a.m., in the Student Union Building, as the Northern family will be celebrating the achievements of its students, faculty, and staff, as well as the generosity of its donors. The awards will include scholarships, Student Excellence Awards, and the Golden N Awards. Please come and enjoy a morning of celebration.

44th Annual Powwow – Apr. 8-9

The MSU-Northern Sweetgrass Society will be holding their 44th Annual Powwow on April 8th & 9th, in the MSUN Armory Gym. The Grand Entry Times will be Friday at 7pm, and Saturday at 1 pm & 7 pm. The event features...

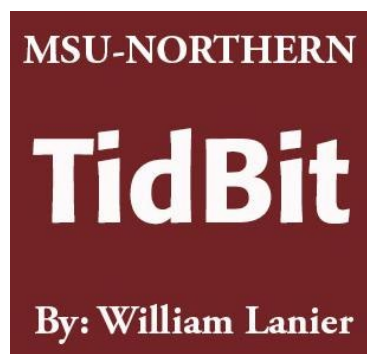
- MC: Gayle Skunkcap
- AD: Walter Runsabove
- Sound: Wind Dancer Tunes
- Host Drum: Assiniboine Cree
- New this year: Crow Style!
- First 10 drums paid each session

To reserve a booth or sponsor a category, contact Tallen Oats at tallenoats@gmail.com

ASMSUN ELECTION - Apr. 11-15

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) will host their online spring election for the 2022-23 school year on April 11-15. If any students are interested in becoming a member of the Student Senate for next fiscal year, contact ASMSUNPres@msun.edu to pick up an application or stop by the SUB Information Desk. Applications are due by no later than April 7.

[Learn more...](#)



#363 Northern License Plates

How many of you currently have or have seen Northern license plates? Did you know that you can get a personalized Northern license plate?



Northern has participated in this since the early 90's while Northern was still Northern Montana College. Each year Northern receives \$30.00 for each MSU-Northern license plate which goes to scholarships. If you have a personalized plate, there is an additional fee. If you live in Montana and you are interested in more information, please go this link: <https://dojmt.gov/driving/plate-designs-and-fees/collegiate/>

Here is a picture of an old Northern Montana College License Plate.



Here are a few that were recently seen in Havre.



If you live in Montana and you want to show your school spirit every day of the year and you want to support Northern students, please consider purchasing a MSU-Northern license plate.

Please send pictures of your favorites and I will have a follow up NNN TidBit with additional pictures. Please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com Thank you.

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