

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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The summer was so exciting I felt it deserved a separate issue of the Northern Network News just to review all of the dynamic things that happened.

New Clock Dedication-Monday



The Havre Rotary Club graciously donated a new pedestal clock for our new campus courtyard. This gift represents the culmination of several years of fundraising. What a great example of the wonderful support we receive from the Havre community. The official dedication of this new clock is scheduled for Monday August 25 at 5:00 p.m. in front of the clock.

New “N” Shaped Flower Planter



The Northern Alumni Association built a beautiful “N” Shaped Concrete flower planter which is located in front of Donaldson.

New Emergency Notification System

The New Emergency Notification System provides MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff, parents and others critical information in the event of an emergency. The system delivers emergency messages through text messaging, voice messages over cellular or landline phones, and e-mail.

Enrollment in MSU Alert is free and voluntary. If you do not enroll in the system, you will not receive critical text or voice messages on your cellular and landline phones. Enrollment also allows you to enter an e-mail account you wish emergency messages sent to, if it is other than your myportal or work e-mail account.

The MSU Alert system will only be used for critical messages, testing and maintenance of the system. You will not receive spam through the system and your personal information will not be used for commercial purposes.

Enrollment is strongly recommended. If you have already enrolled, please ignore this message. Enrollment is easy and takes only a few minutes. Go to www.montana.edu/msualert to enroll now. Computer people will be available during orientation to help people register.

Motorcycle Safety Conference



Over 300 motorcycle safety professionals from across the United States came to Billings, Montana to be a part of the National Motorcycle Rider Safety Conference that was hosted by MSU-Northern and the MMRS. US Congressman Denny Rehberg was on hand to welcome everyone to Montana and the conference. Senator Jon Tester also sent a message to welcome everyone. This conference consisted of 30 break-out sessions providing information about the latest happenings in rider education, new courses in the works, and some new ideas on how to teach our courses more effectively. Friday evening was the RiderCoach/Instructor Appreciation Social/Dinner sponsored by US Insurance and Philadelphia Insurance. Saturday evening was sponsored by Harley-Davidson Motor Company, held at Beartooth Harley-Davidson and consisted of a pitchfork fondue, gunfighters, roping dummies, teepees and the ever-popular "Bull Chip Bingo". There were 15 vendors with the latest in riding gear and technology for the attendees to view and purchase. Montana's Highway Patrol brought their mobile DUI Processing van for viewing. Thank you to Michele Calvert and everyone who helped make this possible.

Senate Field Hearing



A Homeland Security Committee field hearing was held at Northern on July 2. The hearing focused on security of the northern border, Senator Jon Tester chaired the Senate Homeland Security Committee field hearing. The hearing was called “Securing the Northern Border: Views from the Front Lines,” it examined how effectively the U.S. Department of Homeland Security works with state and local partners.

New Interim Volleyball Coach

Northern hired our Assistant Volleyball Coach Steve Leggitt as the new Interim Head Volleyball Coach to replace Greg Ryan who resigned as head Volleyball coach to take a position as the Director of Athletic and Campus Recreation for Augustana College, a campus of the University of Alberta.

Athletic Camps

During the summer months the campus has been busy with basketball, Volleyball and Football camps.

25x'25 Committee



The National Steering Committee for the 25x'25 Alliance visited the Northern's Biodiesel Testing Lab on July 9th. The 25x'25 leaders hosted a roundtable luncheon for stakeholders interested in advancing renewable energy production in the state of Montana. The goal of the committee is to make recommendations to have 25% of our energy being made from renewable resources by the year 2025.

Chokecherry Stomp

The Central Montana Education Center is hosting the first Chokecherry Stomp on September 6th to raise money the Lewistown campus. The event has a \$20 admission and features Shane Clouse and Stomping Ground. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Contact Janice Brady if you want more information or if you need a room.

Staff Appreciation Lunch



On Thursday July 10th the administration conducted a staff appreciation lunch for all classified staff members. We featured a Hawaiian Luau with and a meal fit for a king. The entertainment was a skit to initiate the Big Kahuna. Dr. Groseth proved to be more powerful than the earth, wind, fire or water. Everyone had a great time.

Staff and Faculty Orientation Schedule

Monday, August 25th

All day	Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New employee session – CH 319
5:00 p.m.	<i>Clock tower dedication ceremony – New campus courtyard</i>
5:30 p.m.	<i>FACULTY/STAFF BBQ–SUB Dining</i> <i>(all employees and their families)</i>

Tuesday, August 26th – SUB Ballroom

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions Rolf Groseth & Joe Callahan

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** State of the Campus Address
Rolf Groseth
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Service Awards
Rolf Groseth & Joe Callahan
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Break
- 10:30 a.m. – Noon** Randy Bachmeier – Desire to Learn/ Learning Management Platform
Mike Campbell – E-Learning
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** AFSCME classified union – meet and greet (Lunch provided)

Lunch on your own

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Diversity Training w/ Ellen Swaney, Director of American
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Indian/Minority Achievement Office of Commissioner of
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Higher Education – SUB Ballroom
REQUIRED – one of three sessions – employee must attend.
If not attending Diversity Training - Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation

Wednesday, August 27th

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** HR, Conflict of Interest, Sexual Harassment – SUB Ballroom - **REQUIRED**
Kathy Jaynes, Director of Human Resources
- Wellness Program, TLC, Well Awards
Sue Swan, Director of Student Health Center
- ReResponse Program
Margaret Meggs, Director of ReResponse

Lunch – on your own

- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Safety & Disaster training session - SUB Ballroom - **REQUIRED**
(One of two sessions offered - you must attend a session)
Changes! Everything mandatory you need to know about changes in Crisis/Emergency Protocol, Self Funded Worker's Compensation & Safety – in 2 hours
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** If not attending SAD forum - Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Safety & Disaster training session -SUB Ballroom – **REQUIRED**
(If you missed earlier session you must attend this session)
Changes! Everything mandatory you need to know about changes in Crisis/Emergency Protocol, Self Funded Worker's Compensation & Safety – in 2 hours
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** If not attending SAD forum - Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Wine and Cheese for Faculty/staff - Chancellor's home – 1325 11th Avenue

Thursday, August 28th

AM College meetings as needed (Deans will arrange)

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Leslie Taylor, Legal Counsel at MSU Bozeman
Supervisor Training – CH 319
REQUIRED for Supervisors

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation

Friday, August 29th

AM College meetings as needed (Deans will arrange)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Faculty will be in or near their offices for student assistance, advising, and/or class preparation