

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Week on Campus

Governor Visits Northern Campus



This Thursday, as part of his "College and Career Readiness" back to school tour, Governor Steve Bullock visited Montana State University-Northern in Havre, to tour the school's HealthCARE MT program. The program equips students with the proper skills to compete for jobs in the health care industry. HealthCARE MT represents a portion of a partnership between Montana's two-year colleges and more than thirty healthcare providers which aims to educate students in the skills that are most in demand in today's health care workplace.

Diesel Building Expands Scope



Northern's new Diesel Technology Center has been in the works for over eight years. During that time, the diesel and agriculture mechanics programs have grown in size and scope. As this building project draws closer to breaking ground, the architects are redesigning the building to utilize more of the existing building, accommodate the projected boosts in enrollment, and plan for the new emerging technologies.

The scope of the site plan has also grown to include a redesign of the parking lots, roadways and walk way around the east end of campus. This site plan shows how the east side of campus will transform.

New Teaching Garden Planted on Campus

Returning students, faculty and staff at MSUN may have noticed a new addition to the landscape on the east side of Hagener Science Center (HSC) near the northeast entry door. Early this spring and over the summer, Dr. Terri Hildebrand and Kino Detrick, along with students from the grounds crew, created the first of several teaching gardens on the MSUN campus. The new garden adds color and beauty to HSC's exterior and provides hands-on opportunities for students to learn about plants as well as the environments in which they grow. Teaching Garden I features an assortment of horticultural varieties found in the Havre area in addition to several wild-growing plants both native and non-native to the surrounding prairies and mountains. The emphasis on plant selection for this first garden was to provide a bright and blooming space that complements the surrounding area, particularly the central green that anchors Cowan Hall and surrounding buildings. As development of Teaching Garden I continues, Dr. Hildebrand anticipates providing signage for each species. Identification signs detail the plant's scientific and common names, family, a brief description of where they grow, and, if applicable, human use.

Currently, Teaching Gardens II, III and IV are in the planning stages, each of which illustrates regions found in Montana. Teaching Garden II, also located on the east side of HSC but adjacent to the opposite entry door, will include subalpine and alpine native plants that represent Montana's mountainous regions, including the Bears Paw Mountains. Teaching Garden III, potentially located on the south side of HSC, makes use of bright sunlight to display a garden that focuses on native plants growing on central Montana prairies. At a location

yet to be determined, plants growing in Teaching Garden IV will represent riparian and other wetland regions of Montana. Dr. Hildebrand is excited to discuss additional teaching garden locations with other MSUN faculty and staff with all gardens spotlighting specific features that enhance student learning. Some garden possibilities include medicinal plants, commercial agriculture crops, consumer food production plants, species used in dyes, potential fuel plants, and many others.

We invite members of the campus community to visit Teaching Garden I and, please, feel free to incorporate the garden into your classes. Plants make wonderful drawing objects for art classes. Some species may have a place in history, and early settlers or indigenous people used others. Our teaching gardens have the potential to transform the MSUN landscape to include living, growing, and dynamic exterior classrooms. We also encourage individuals from the Havre community to enjoy the garden as they walk through campus, and we offer the area as a place of interest for local Garden Clubs.



Students enrolled in the botany course are the first to make use of MSUN's Teaching Garden I. The students participated in a scavenger hunt that teaches plant terminology, using the garden to observe examples of descriptive terms. Students are, from L to R: Rick Wiersema, Courtney Cota, Kent Nelson, Mercedes Lodge, Sadie Overlie, Chase Gray, Tina Dion, and Jonathan McGinnis.

Diesel Program Receives New Engine



MSU-Northern recently purchased a C13 Tier 4 final engine for the diesel program. Tractor and Equipment Company (T & E), a longstanding MSUN partner, went the extra mile in packaging and presenting the engine in the precise way Northern needs for instruction purposes. This engine includes facets many of the older models do not, so it is a welcomed upgrade to the hands-on learning environment of the diesel program.

Student Spotlight - Patrick Beer

By Kimmi Boyce



Patrick Beer's high school teachers saw potential in him and spurred him on towards a diesel service technology degree, directing him to both Northern and the Tractor and Equipment Company. Following their advice, Beer enrolled at Northern where the college began honing his trade skills and eventually connected him with the Tractor and Equipment Company for a summer internship.

Beer described his typical internship workday like this, "I wake early. I work in the agriculture division and basically try to keep up with the rental demands." In

the agriculture rental division, orders came in often, so Beer's biggest challenge was using good time management skills. He tried to keep up with the paperwork and deadlines without working too late. Beer was very surprised by his growing appreciation for this summer position, because he had not previously worked

with heavy farm equipment. Though the projects were different from his normal diesel endeavors, he has learned to enjoy the large-scale machinery jobs.

With such a demanding work schedule, Beer did not have much leisure time, but when asked if he would work for the Tractor and Equipment Company, he said yes emphatically. He explained that the company truly comprehends what an internship is. They realized students' limitations and were easy-going and helpful all along the way, reminding him of the instructors and guidance at Northern. Beer's dedication to his field and internship proves that he will work hard to succeed with whatever company he decides to work with in the future. He hopes to find a job with a company that will offer a great long-term work plan while keeping him in his beloved home state of Montana. As a Northern diesel graduate, Beer has a great chance at fulfilling his aspirations.

Canoeing Trip

MSU-Northern Intramurals/Recreation sponsored a canoeing trip last weekend. Although it was a breezy day, Second Lake was a beautiful destination for the afternoon. The faculty, staff, RAs and students who attended had fun fishing, eating, and rowing around on the choppy waters.

Chi Alpha Leadership Retreat

This weekend, the Chi Alpha club directors and student leaders headed out to the Bears Paw Mountains for a leadership retreat. The purpose of the weekend was to build stronger bonds within the team, to encourage one another, and to teach and plan new strategies of campus involvement for the forthcoming semesters. Various leaders came and went during the weekend. The student attendees included Faith Martin, Alicia Mason, Braxton Todd, Wyatt Ullery, Justin Smart, and Sam Davison.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (aka XA) is a nondenominational group that has been involved on Northern's campus since 1980. They pursue community and friendship within the student body and try to cultivate an atmosphere of hospitality and fun for the whole

campus, which is why they host crazy events like Wet Willy and Waffle Wednesday. Chi Alpha's main group meetings occur every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Red Room of Morgan Hall, but they continuously host other events and fun groups to get involved with throughout the week. If you would like more information on the club or any of the activities they offer, contact Tyler Boyce at 406-390-0287.



Sweet Grass Society Welcomes Athletes from Different Nations

The Sweet Grass Society is pleased to welcome new student-athletes to Northern.

On the cross-country team: Tristen Belgrade of Rocky Boy's is pursuing an associates in general studies, and Tristin Gone of Fort Belknap is studying health promotions.

On the wrestling team: Zach Havilnd of Unupiaq, Alaska is studying auto/diesel. Brandon Gilham of Blackfeet is pursuing secondary education. Stephen Hyatt of Unupiaq, Alaska is studying auto/diesel, and William Michael Ollinger of Blackfeet is pursuing a civil engineering degree.

Welcome to the Sweet Grass Society and to the Northern family.

Hump Nite Bingo

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern hosted the year's first monthly bingo night on Wednesday ("Hump Day"). Students played several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and Michael McKeen received a 7" Android tablet as the winner of blackout bingo. If you missed this first bingo night, be on the lookout for the upcoming sequel.

"Go Lights & Skylights" Posters Available

The MSUN Alumni Foundation is offering new "Go Lights & Skylights" posters to offices around campus and businesses in town. If you'd like to display one of these posters, please contact Becka Stone in the Alumni Foundation Office at: 265-3770



Athletic Posters Now Available

This year's Football, Volleyball and Cross-Country posters are now available. If you want one to hang up and display, contact Edie Smartt in the Athletics Department at: 265-3761.

Important Notices

Dates to remember:

- 9/4: Today is the last day to add a full semester class
- 9/8: Last day to drop a first-half-semester class, without a "W"
- 9/9: Last day to drop a full semester class, without a "W"
- 11/16: Graduation Applications due

Register Your Student Club/Organization with ASMSUN

ATTENTION MSUN STUDENT CLUBS - Register your organizations, and nominate your homecoming candidates by September 12. Nomination forms are located at the Student Union Information Desk. All clubs must register through IOC (Inter-Organizational Clubs). These forms are located at the Student Union Information Desk or online at <http://www.msun.edu/stuorgs/>

Media Reprographics Center Services- Copying and Printing

In the Media Reprographics Center (MRC), room 117 on the first floor of Cowan Hall, students and staff alike are welcome to come in and make copy requests. The center can make prints from emailed documents, files from a portable drive, or directly off a hardcopy. In addition to this, the MRC also offers many different types of paper, from glossy to cardstock in a variety of sizes and colors.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Flipped Classrooms! - Sept. 4

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Flipping your Classroom. Instructors, in terms of supporting learning, what is the most valuable time students spend with you? For most of you, it is likely one-on-one time in which you answer students' questions and give them feedback. A flipped classroom is one in which you make more time for valuable one-on-one or small group work with students during class, and you do this by offloading "one way" communication, e.g. lectures, to D2L. Think it can't work? Come tell us why we're full of it, and enjoy snacks and fresh coffee while you do. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, Sept. 4) from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again from 1:30 - 2:30 in the Brockmann Center conference room.

Lunch & Learn - Sep. 9

Bring your lunch and join us for our first monthly Lunch & Learn. Are you interested in learning more about how to support diversity with students, staff, and faculty at MSU-N? Are you interested in learning more about how to understand individuals who identify themselves as non-gender conforming? Join us for a conversation with guests from MSU-Bozeman who will be sharing their experiences as students.

Please register in advance by contacting Cristina Estrada-Underwood x.3589; c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu For more information, you could also contact Amber Spring x.3164.

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Preparing Students to Transition to College and Succeed - Sept. 29

The Learning Success Center staff invites you to attend a 90-minute webinar on understanding ASD. This webinar will take place on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 8 - 11 a.m. in the Vande Bogart Library, Lab A. Please let Becky Nicholson know if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

Board Game Night- Sept. 8

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting a board game night on September the 8th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Join in for some of the old favorites: Monopoly, Risk, Uno, Cribbage, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, and many more, and come enjoy free snacks as well.

International Faculty and Student Reception- Sept. 8

Do you love learning about different cultures and celebrating the fact, that America is the melting pot of the world? You have a chance to meet with students and faculty from around the world, when MSU-Northern's Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) hosts an international faculty and student reception in the Vande Bogart Library on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1 p.m. ODAMP will provide the refreshments. Come on out and meet someone new.

Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk- Sept. 8

Montana's suicide rate is nearly two times the national average (www.mtpr.org). Our Havre community has lost too many loved ones due to suicide. The Mental Health Local Advisory Council and Havre High School Key Club are collaborating to shed light on the devastating effects of suicide during National Suicide Awareness Week. An "Out of the Darkness" walk will take place on Tuesday, September 8, with registration starting at 7 p.m. and guest presenters starting at 7:30. This is a free event, so please bring your family and friends for an awareness evening to promote community strength, healing and hope for change! Please feel free to wear purple or teal in honor of suicide awareness.

If you would like to dedicate a luminary in memory of a loved, one please contact 395-6909; or come to the MSUN Campus (common area between the gym and library) at 7 p.m. The opening presentation at 7:30 p.m. will feature Michael Woods (survivor) and local families. We welcome any persons willing to share stories, memories, or life saving tips.

For more information, please contact:
Amber Spring (Suicide Awareness Info, Professional Input) 406-265-3783 amber.spring@msun.edu

Diversity and Multicultural Lunch and Learn- Sept. 9

MSU-Northern's Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) and the counseling office of Student Support Services is hosting the first of a series of lunch and learn events on September 9, 2015 at noon in the SUB Fireside Room. Bring your lunch and join them for MSUN's first monthly "Lunch & Learn." Are you interested in learning more about how to support diversity with students, staff, and faculty at MSUN? Are you interested in learning more about how to understand individuals who identify themselves as non-

gender conforming? Join us for a conversation with guests from MSU-Bozeman who will be sharing their experiences as students.

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Flag Football Rosters Due - Sept. 10

Sign up your team for Intramural/Rec 4-on-4 flag football by Friday, September 10 at 5 p.m. at the SUB Info Desk. Play will begin Monday, September 14 at 6 p.m. on the SUB Lawn and continue on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. If you would like to be put on a team, let us know and we will put a team together. Call 265-3732 for more information.

Involvement Fair - Sept. 10

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) is partnering with the Army National Guard this year to host an involvement fair for the students of MSU-Northern. Northern clubs, along with several community organizations will be on site to share their services for new and returning MSU-Northern students on September the 10th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Pershing Lawn (weather permitting). If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the event into the SUB Ballroom.

Hiking up Mount Otis - Sept. 12

MSUN Intramurals/Recreation has planned a hike up the infamous Mt. Otis on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Bears Paw Mountains. Those interested in attending must sign up at the SUB Information desk by Friday, September 11 by 5 p.m. The group will be meeting at the SUB Lobby at 9 a.m. and caravanning out to the Bears Paw Mountains. Northern is providing lunch and refreshments for those who attend.

Shots n' Brats- Sept. 12

Chi Alpha will host their biannual Shots n' Brats event on Saturday, September 12 at 2 p.m. Anyone who wants to spend an afternoon shooting guns and eating bratwurst can meet in front of the SUB to carpool or caravan out to the shooting range. Chi Alpha is providing the bratwurst lunch, but they ask that students bring \$5-\$10 to help with the cost of the shells and clays.

Havre's Fall Cleanup - Sept. 12

Havre's annual Festival Days is soon approaching. In preparation for this festive event, Recycle Hi-Line, and Havre PRIDE are rallying the troops for a community-wide cleaning extravaganza. The official time for this clean-up drive is 8:30-11:30 a.m. on September 12, 2015. During that timeframe, community members can bring all recyclables (plastics 1, 2, 4, and 5 clean with lids removed, glass, cardboard, paper, metal, batteries, lightbulbs in original boxes, and e-waste) to Pacific Steel & Recycling. Beyond collecting those items, everyone should take time to pick up trash around town, spiff up yards, and take pride in our town.

Honor your hero. Be a hero. Donate blood. - Sept. 16

Be a hero this month, and donate blood. The drive will take place on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org. You can also call Sherry Kegel at 265-3599, and she will be happy to schedule you. You can also stop at the front desk at the SUB and sign up. Thanks for all you do to help those in need!

Karaoke at Northern - Sept. 16

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting "Karaoke" at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The dates will be September 16, October 21 and November 18. The last night of the semester, we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate. Come on out, and join the fun!

Festival Days Run/Walk- Sept. 20

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, the Festival Days Run/Walk begins at 1 p.m. This event is a fundraiser for the Havre High School Boys Cross Country Team. The entry fee is \$25 per person (with long sleeve shirt purchase) or \$10 (no shirt purchase). Children 8 years and under can participate for free, but they must be accompanied by a registered adult. Make checks payable to: Boys Cross Country Club. There will be door prizes and refreshments after race. The race location is RC Model Flying Club - south on 5th Ave. - turn left before bridge, right before the ballpark. The run/walk is on the dike.

[Click Here](#) to download a registration form.

Homecoming 2015 - Sept. 14-19

Let's Glow- MSU-Northern Homecoming 2015 will run from September 14-19. Here is an outline of the events that will occur throughout that festive week.

Monday, September 14:

- Residence hall floor decorating and campus-wide door decorating-all day
- Intramural/Recreation 4-on-4 flag football- 6 p.m.-SUB Lawn

Tuesday, September 15:

- Homecoming elections online- all day
- Hello Walk painting- 1-4 p.m.
- Intramural/Recreation 4-on-4 flag football- 6 p.m.- SUB Lawn

Wednesday, September 16:

- Homecoming election online- all day
- Pie the homecoming candidates- 5 p.m.- SUB Lawn
- Karaoke- 7 p.m.- SUB Ballroom

Thursday, September 17:

- Homecoming election online- all day
- Skylights volleyball vs. Lewis-Clark- 7 p.m.- Gym
- Homecoming bonfire- after volleyball game- Physical Plant

Friday, September 18:

- Festival Days
- 3rd Annual Glow Run 5K- 8 p.m. -SUB

Saturday, September 19:

- Festival Days
- Lights football vs. Western- 1 p.m.- Blue Pony Stadium
- Homecoming Coronation- halftime of football game
- Skylights volleyball vs. Rocky- 7 p.m.- Gym

Have Festival Days Schedule - September 18-20

Friday, September 18th

8 A.M.-8 P.M.	Friends of the Library Book Sale (Library meeting room)
NOON-6 P.M.	Hi-Line Quilt Guild Festival of Quilts Show (Location TBD)
6 P.M.-9 P.M.	Steve Heil Memorial Car Show (Independence Bank Parking Lot)
6 P.M.-Sun. 6 P.M.	48-Hour Softball Tournament (6 th Avenue Softball Field)
7 P.M.	HHS Football vs. Sidney (Blue Pony Field)

Saturday, September 19th

ALL DAY	48-Hour Softball Tournament (6 th Avenue Softball Field)
7 A.M.-2 P.M.	Kiwanis Pancakes (Eagles Club)
8 A.M.-Noon	S.A.T.U.R.D.A.Y. Market (Town Square Area)
10 A.M.	Have Festival Days Parade
10 A.M.-4 P.M.	"Run" of Special Trains (Frank DeRosa Railroad Museum)
10 A.M.-6 P.M.	Hi-Line Quilt Guild Festival of Quilts Show

	(Location TBD)
10 A.M.-5 P.M.	Havre Festival Days Commercial Products & Craft Show (Holiday Village Mall)
11:00 A.M.-3 P.M.	Custom Collision Repair Car Show, Barbecue & Burn Out (Custom Collision Repair)
NOON-5 P.M.	Friends of the Library Book Sale (Library Meeting Room)
1 P.M.	MSU-Northern Football vs. U of M - Western - Homecoming (Blue Pony Field)
3 P.M.	E-1 Towing Demolition Derby (Great Northern Fairgrounds)
5 P.M.	Atrium Mall Dance featuring the Other Brothers and Sista Band (Atrium Mall Parking Lot)
6 P.M.	7 th Annual MAT Death by Chocolate Sponsorship Drive Gala of Friends Fundraiser (St. Jude Gym)
7 P.M.	MSU-Northern Volleyball vs. Rocky Mountain College (MSU-Northern Gym)
7:30 P.M.	Glacier Nationals Hockey vs. Helena (Havre Ice Dome)

Sunday, September 20th

ALL DAY	48-Hour Softball Tournament (6th Avenue Softball Field)
10 A.M.-4 P.M.	"Run" of Special Trains (Frank DeRosa Railroad Museum)
11 A.M.-2 P.M.	4-H Barbecue (Town Square)

NOON.-4 P.M. Havre Festival Days Commercial Products & Craft Show

	(Holiday Village Mall)
NOON-4 P.M.	Hi-Line Quilt Guild Festival of Quilts Show (Location TBD)
NOON-5 P.M.	Friends of the Library Book Sale (Library Meeting Room)
1 P.M.	Festival Run/Walk - Registration - Noon (RC Model Flying Club)
3 P.M.	Drawings for North Central Montana Shrine Club Beef Raffle (Location TBD)
5 P.M.	Drawing for Willard Vaughn Wheat Sculpture for 4-H (Holiday Village Mall)

Third Annual Glow Run- Let's Glow! - Sept. 18

Northern's third annual Glow Run (5K) will take place on September 18, 2015 at 8 p.m. Check in for the event begins at 7 p.m. Bring your family and friends to this fun after-dark race/run/walk, and let's get glowing! Registration for the event is due by September 14. You can pick up registration forms at the SUB Info Desk. Adults cost \$10 a person. Students K-12 compete for a fee of \$5, and Northern students can participate free of charge. There is a free t-shirt included with your registration.

Click Here to download a registration form.

Havre's Saturday Market - Until Sept. 19

Havre's summer Saturday Market opened on July 11 and will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the town square until September 19. If you would like to start a booth at the market, the cost is \$10 per Saturday or a lump sum of \$60 that covers the season. Contact the Chamber of Commerce if you are interested, but regardless of your personal involvement, come check out the local vendors with their homegrown produce, freshly baked treats, and handmade gift items. It's the Saturday thing to do.

Havre Chamber of Commerce Job Fair - Sept. 30

Havre's Chamber of Commerce is hosting a huge networking event, their job fair, on September 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside School Gym. Students and alumni can come check out job opportunities from local businesses like Havre Montana Hospital, Gary and Leo's IGA, Tilleman Motors, Town House Inns, Herberger's, Northern Home Essentials, and Independence Bank. For more information, call 406-265-4383 or e-mail chamber@havremt.net.

Weekly Columns

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

For many decades, the highlight of Labor Day weekend was the MDA Labor Day Telethon hosted by Jerry Lewis. In the 70s and 80s, a popular fundraiser at high schools, colleges and universities across the country was holding an MDA Super Dance. Northern Montana College was one of these. In 1979, Zarren Pasma personally presented a check to Jerry Lewis on behalf of the NMC MDA Super Dance for \$34,372. Zarren was the son of long time employee Virginia Pasma and local politician/artist Jim Pasma.