

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - February 5, 2021

Watch for MSU-Northern's TV Spot During the Super Bowl



ASMSUN Food Pantry Assists Students In Need



Student Senate has talked about starting a food pantry for years, but their discussions and dreams have finally become a reality. Plans for a spring and fall fundraiser were canceled due to COVID. So, in November the ASMSUN and MSUN clubs facilitated a community food drive to stock the pantry. They applied for and were awarded a \$500 grant from the Hill County Community Foundation to assist with infrastructure items like shelving and supplemental food. In addition, the Havre Elks Club donated a refrigerator/freezer and plans to provide additional assistance.

Students in need of food or basic necessities, such as toiletries and cleaning supplies, should come to Student Health Services in the SUB weekdays between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or contact Wanda Meredith, Director of Student Health Services at 406-265-3599 or <u>wanda.meredith@msun.edu</u>.

Food donations can be brought to Student Health Services or Student Activities offices in the SUB weekdays between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cash donations are also welcome and can be made out to the MSU-Northern Foundation, please include "ASMSUN Food Pantry" in the memo to ensure correct deposit. The MSUN Foundation does provide tax-deductible receipts for monetary donations.

The long-term goals for the pantry include sustainability, establishing a permanent location and determining staffing based on what is most convenient for students' needs. If you have any questions or suggestions for the ASMSUN food pantry please contact ASMSUN President Riley Mortenson or the Food Pantry Student Coordinator, Tiffany Hill.

Athletic Posters Now Available



You might be wondering, why you have not seen any of the athletic posters up this semester? Well, the MSU-Northern athletic posters have also suffered from the effects of COVID. They have been designed. photographed, laid out, re-laid out, re-re-laid out, quarantined... and more. Some have been printed but not released because of significant schedule changes. Now that the schedules have finally firmed up, we want to make them available to the world. These posters contain the current schedules but those schedules are subject to change so we encourage you the check the <u>www.golightsgo.com</u> website for the most current schedules and simulcast links.

Click on the following links to download a poster for yourself...

<u>Football Poster...</u> <u>Volleyball Poster...</u> <u>Rodeo Poster...</u> <u>Lights Basketball Poster...</u> <u>Skylights Basketball Poster...</u>

Five MSU-Northern Volleyball Athletes Received Academic All-Conference



Frontier Conference Commissioner Kent Paulson released the 2020-21 Academic All-Conference Volleyball team. To be eligible for the team, the student-athlete must be at least a sophomore in standing and maintain a 3.25 GPA. The MSU-Northern recipients were: Marlee Bender, Abigail Ellison, Tammy Maddock, Shania Neubauer, and Shay Waldbillig.

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KNMC Helps Capture Local History

MSU-Northern's radio station, KNMC, has partnered with Havre High School's Local History class to create audio mini-histories on topics relevant to North Central Montana's past and present.

Each topic was chosen by students, researched by students, and recited by students for broadcast on KNMC. We hope that this becomes a continuing project for Havre High's local history class. Our thanks to Mrs. Ratliff and the freshmen students who worked to create these mini-histories.

Click here to learn how Havre got its name...



Light's BB Team Helps Honor COVID Victims

Members of the Northern Lights Basketball team volunteered to help a local group put up ribbons in remembrance of the 40 COVID-19-related fatalities in Hill County.

Lights Basketball Coach Shawn Huse said, "The Lights were eager to help when asked if they could assist in posting signs showing support for those in our county who have passed due to COVID."

The Lights are often involved with lending a hand

on our campus and in the community. By assisting with the project, they hope to show their support to the families and friends for those who have passed.



MCCADNEY HITS 1,000 POINT CLUB

Senior Mascio McCadney hits 1,000 points on his last shot against Rocky Mountain College. In 2018-19, McCadney hit 422 points averaging 13.2 points per-game. His junior year he scored 429 points averaging 13.8 points per-game. Right now, McCadney is averaging 16.6 points pergame with several games left in his career.

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MSU-Northern Alum Receives Research Grant

Ph.D. in Epidemiology student and MSU-Northern alum, Gabriel Benavidez, has been awarded funding to collaborate with three other members from his Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar Program cohort to lead a Health Policy Research Scholars COVID and Anti-Racism Pilot Project. Congratulation Gabe, you make Northern proud.

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Important Announcements

Marijuana on Campus Still Prohibited

Montana voters passed two recreational marijuana laws in November 2020. The passage of these laws does not affect existing MSU-Northern or Montana University System policies that prohibit the possession and use of marijuana on campus property and in MUS programs. Federal laws make marijuana use, possession, manufacture, and distribution illegal. Colleges or universities who fail to comply with this federal regulation could lose eligibility for these federal funding, including student financial aid programs.

COVID Precautions

All of the same COVID precaution that existed last semester are in place for this semester.

- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet
- Wear a mask in campus buildings
- Wash your hands often

Scholarship Applications Due Today!

If you are planning to attend MSU-Northern during the Fall 2021 semester or beyond then you will want to fill out a scholarship application. Deadline for applications is February 5, 2021. Scholarships range from \$100-\$3000 and are awarded based on your cumulative credits earned as of the Fall 2020 semester, so your load for the spring semester will not have an impact on your application. You may receive more than one scholarship from MSUN, especially if you take the extra time to complete a separate scholarship application.

How to apply:

- Log into MyInfo
- Choose the Financial Aid tab
- Click on '2021-2022 Continuing Student Scholarship Application'
- Complete and submit!

This application covers about 90% of the MSUN scholarships. The scholarships that require a separate application and essay can be found at http://www.msun.edu/finaid/scholarships/CurrentStudents.aspx

Students are encouraged to apply for outside scholarships through a search engine such as Fastweb, or for Montana residents, by going to https://www.reachhighermontana.org/scholarships

Upcoming Events

"First Friday" QPR Suicide Prevention Training Webinars - Starts Today!

For the remainder of the semester, QPR Suicide Prevention Trainings will be facilitated via Zoom on the 1st Friday of each month from 1:00-2:30 PM. (February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7)

Question, Persuade, and Refer are three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training in the world. The training is about 90 minutes and your certification will be active for 2 years. Trainings are free and limited to 25 participants.

To register, email Amber Spring at amber.spring@msun.edu.

Hosting Super Bowl LV Party Calls for Creativity During COVID19 - Feb 7

2020-2021 Residence Life staff had to think outside of the box in developing a plan to host a Super Bowl party this weekend. Like so many other things the last year, their plan will be a first. The "Drive In Super Bowl Party" will begin at 4pm on Sunday February 7th. With the assistance of the Office of Student Activities, a large screen will be set up in front of the Student Union Building, which will display the game and students will be allowed to drive-up on the lawn in front of the SUB and park their vehicles. MSUN Dining Services will offer Super Bowl snacks. Spectators will be asked to stay in their vehicles during the gathering and respect the mask mandate and socially distance as appropriate. They will be able to roll down their windows to hear the audio or tune their car radios to SiriusXM. The cold February air will likely provide a preview of what the MSUN Lights football games will be like this winter.

Safe Zone Trainings – Feb 12, 19

The mission of Safe Zone is to promote an inviting and inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ students, staff, and faculty.

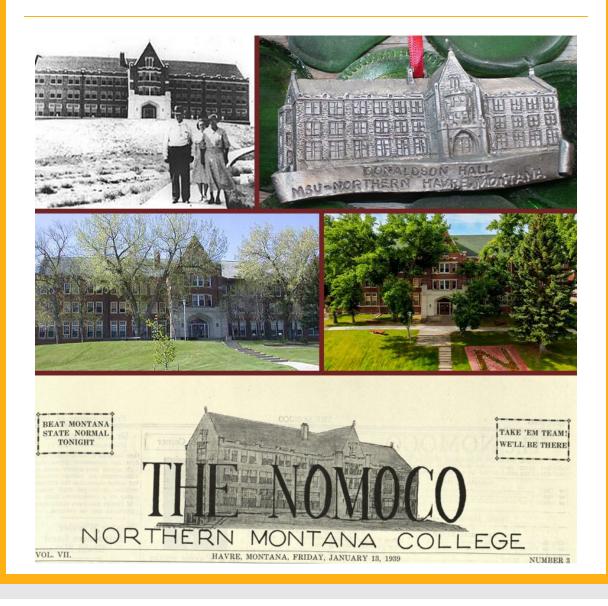
Safe Zone Module 1 will focus on increasing awareness and education about LGBTQ+ identity. This module will be facilitated virtually on zoom on Friday, February 12, 1:00-2:30.

Safe Zone Module 2 will focus on developing and expanding MSUN's network of LGBTQ+ allies, as well as, increasing visibility of designated ally Safe Zones on campus. This module will be facilitated virtually on Zoom on Friday, February 19, 1:00-2:30.

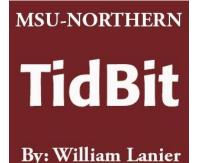
After completing module 1 & 2, allies can display Safe Zone signs to denote their support and signify safe, welcoming places on campus for LGBTQ+ individuals.

All trainings are virtual, free, and open to any MSUN faculty, staff or student, or anyone in the community looking to increase their awareness and learn how to be an ally.

Email amber.spring@msun.edu to register



Share Your Favorite Memory of Donaldson Hall



What building on the Northern campus is your favorite building? One of my favorite buildings on the Northern campus is Donaldson Hall. Donaldson Hall, along with Cowan Hall, are two of the most iconic buildings along the entire Hi-Line. It is my opinion that Donaldson Hall has the most character of any building on the Northern campus.

"The third building on campus was a girls' residence hall later named Donaldson Hall (1949) in honor of a deceased NMC English instructor.

Constructed atop the hill just north and west of Pershing Hall, the building occupied a dominant position on campus. It was designed and constructed under a Public Works Administration self-liquidating load fund. Furnished and occupied in 1936, it provided rooms for 116 women, and was a social and elegant setting for college dances and receptions."

"The building cost \$178,398.08. It was the first actual new building on campus. Gracious in appearance, pictures of Donaldson Hall were used in the NoMoCo student newspaper masthead for many years. Poor materials and construction methods caused problems with the building almost from the beginning. After construction of a new residence hall in 1971, Donaldson Hall was unused for residence space."

The August 21st, 1984, edition of the Havre Daily News stated the following: "The living room was the center for many of the college's social activities in the early years, providing atmosphere for many 'homecomings' and numerous formal dances and dinners. Many NMC alumni have stories to tell about the 'passion pit' — the main entry way which remained mysteriously unlit for many years."

Do you have a favorite memory of Donaldson Hall? If so and if you would like to share, please e-mail me at <u>wilanier1963@yahoo.com</u>

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