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Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - August 20, 2021

Welcome to the Northern Network News

The Northern Network News (NNN) is MSU-Northern's weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed about all the wonderful things happening on our campus. The NNN comes out every Friday during the school year (with the exception of vacations and holidays). If you want something included in the NNN, please submit it to potterj@msun.edu by Wednesday at noon, and make sure you include "For NNN" in the subject line of your email. Thanks in advance for your contributions and suggestions. I look forward to reporting on an exciting new year at MSU-Northern.

Jim Potter, Director of University Relations.

Joint Us for the Aurora Borealis Festival



Mike Van Diest Named Defensive Coordinator



MSU-Northern hired NAIA coaching legend, Mike Van Diest, to join their coaching staff as Defensive Coordinator. During 19 years as head coach at Carroll College, Mike Van Diest led the Fighting Saints to six National Championships and 14 Frontier Conference Championships for one of the most dominating runs in college football history. We are pleased he has joined the Northern Lights.

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Chancellor Welcomes the Football Team



Last Thursday night, Aug. 12, the football team took a break from their intensive training program to go out to the Lions Park for supper. The local Lions club graciously cooked the dinner. The Chancellor encouraged the team to get vaccinated and be safe so we can all enjoy our fall football season.

Staff and Faculty Orientation

This year's staff and faculty orientation was spread out over several days and recognized MSU-Northern employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of dedication and hard work. The Chancellor reminded the campus who we are and where we are going and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and stay safe. He presented the accomplishments of last year, gave the campus an update on the enrollment numbers, and presented an overview of the new strategic plan.



Pictured above are the employees who have worked at Northern for more than 30 years (L to R) Greg Kegel (39) Greg Clouse (34) Kevin Carlson (35) Joel Soiseth (33) Val Hickman (40) Marianne Hoppe (38) Jennifer Henderson (36) (Not Pictured) Cindy Small (32) Vicki Gist (39) James Howland (31)

SUMMER IN REVIEW

Legislative Committees Visit Campus



Two legislative committees (Ag and the EQC) were on our campus this summer (June 29). They toured MSU-Northern College of Technical Sciences facilities and had lunch in the DTC. Many had never been on the campus and were impressed by Northern's practical and comprehensive programs.

Dr. Erdmann Visits MSU-Northern



Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, the new dean and CEO of Great Falls College MSU, was on campus (July 27) to meet with Chancellor Greg Kegel, Provost Neil

Moisey, and top administrators to discuss past collaborations and to chart a course forward for future collaborative efforts.

Articulation Agreement with GFC-MSU



Great Falls College MSU and Montana State University-Northern signed an agreement Wednesday that will strengthen the ability of students in the Great Falls area to get a bachelor's degree in education on the Great Falls College MSU campus. Students will get their first two years through Great Falls College MSU and then take their second two years with Montana State University-Northern on the Great Falls College MSU campus.

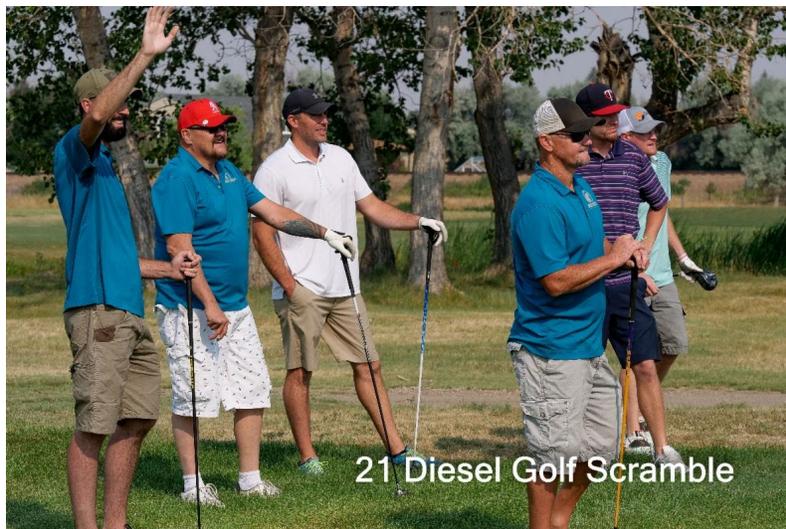
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Two New Athletic Hall of Fame Members



Marc and Kyle Samson were inducted into the MSU-Northern Athletics Hall of Fame in an outdoor ceremony at the MSU-Northern campus on July 21. The Samson brothers led the MSU-Northern football team to a place in the 2006 NAIA playoffs.

Diesel Golf Scramble Raises \$10K



MSU-Northern's Diesel Advisory Board hosted their second Diesel Golf Scramble. The event raised over \$10K for the MSU-Northern diesel program. The two-day event allowed 17 golf teams to go head to head and to raise some money for the advancement of the diesel program.

Vicki Gist Retired after 39 years



Vicki Gist retired on August 13, 2021 after 39 plus years of service to MSU-Northern. After graduating from MSU Bozeman and then the University of Texas Austin, Vicki has served as a library technician, reference librarian and then as the Library Director. Vicki has certainly seen and been part of the changes in MSU-Northern's Vande Bogart Library and library science worldwide. We all wish Vicki the best as she

continues to check off items on her "bucket list." Disney World here she comes! Enjoy your retirement you earned it.

MSU-Northern Helps Teacher Shortage



This summer MSU-Northern launched an exciting and ambitious new program to help meet the growing need for industrial technology teachers in Montana. This program is designed to help teachers who are currently teaching under a temporary teaching license to get the courses they need to become fully licensed teachers. Teachers who teach specific skills like welding, automotive, carpentry, plumbing, drafting, machining, and electrical need specific endorsements to prove they have the knowledge and skills needed to teach those courses.

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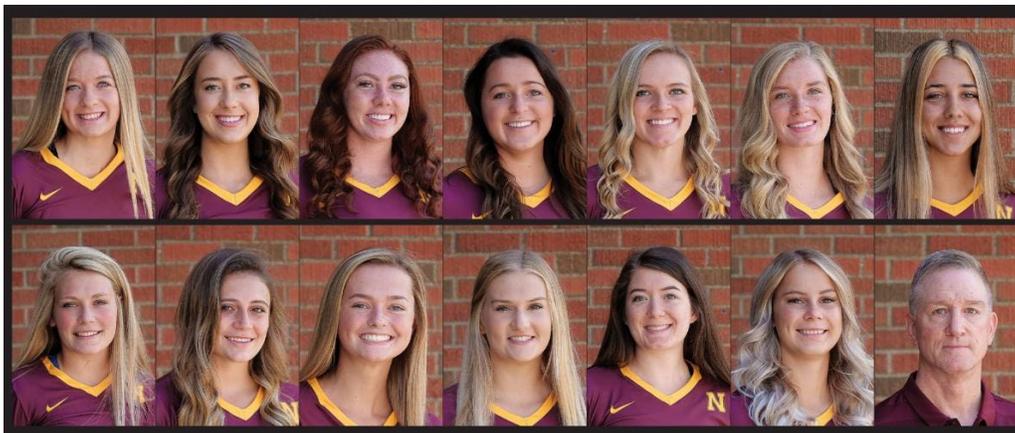
MSU-Northern Helped Fort Benton Celebrate their 175th Anniversary



Chancellor Kegel and his wife, Sherry, were pleased to represent MSU-Northern by riding in the “Galloping Goose,” the antique car that has long been a mascot for the college, through the streets of Fort Benton as part of their 175th Anniversary celebration.

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Skylights Receive 2020-21 USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award



The United State Marine Corps (USMC) and the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced today that 1,275 collegiate and high school teams have earned the USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2020-2021 season. This is the second year in a row the Skylights Volleyball team has received this award.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

New MSU-Northern COVID Guidelines

COVID is still present in our community so to help us reduce the risk of COVID and the highly contagious Delta variant we want everyone to follow these simple guidelines:

- We strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Contact Student Health Services for the latest information on how to get vaccinated
- Cannot require mask use but masks protect yourself and others
- Disposable masks are available all over campus
- Social distancing is encouraged
- Cleaning and sanitizing helps reduce the spread
- Open windows to decrease disease transmission
- Stay home if you have symptoms and get tested
- Hill County Health Department will conduct contact tracing
- Those who test positive will be isolated
- The County Health Department will determine who is to be isolated or quarantined
- Academic help will be available to students in quarantine
- Student Affairs will coordinate other services as needed

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the Aurora Borealis Festival – Aug 22

The Aurora Borealis Festival is a newly minted annual tradition that serves to welcome new and returning students to campus and connect them to Havre community businesses and organizations. The event serves as the kickoff experience for a Fall 2021 in which we are “All N” for Northern. The Aurora Borealis Festival offers students information about goods, services, or

opportunities you provide students on our campus. You will be provided space at a table in the Courtyard to visit with students throughout the event, as well as free food from a number of local food trucks as part of the event.

HOMECOMING 2021

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2021

Alumni, faculty, and staff are all welcome to come back home for
MSU-Northern's Homecoming All-Class Reunion celebration!

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TidBit

By: William Lanier

The NNN TidBit would like to wish all Northern students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Northern a SAFE and enjoyable new school year. For those of you who are new to the NNN, welcome! To returning readers, welcome back. The NNN TidBit is a weekly column centered on Northern, alumni, or various other Northern connections. This is the 340th edition of the NNN TidBit, which first appeared in the January 26, 2007 issue of the Northern Network News. In

case you are counting that would be 5320 days ago.

The hope is that the TidBit is something that, you the reader, will enjoy and look forward to each week. I would like to thank all who have sent me e-mails in the past. PLEASE if you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com
Again, have a great year.

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