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Students Team Up for Spooktacular Community Carnival



The MSU-Northern Cross Country team was among several athletic groups and campus clubs that volunteered at this year's Trunk or Treat Halloween Carnival last Friday, October 31. The event, held in the SUB Ballroom, invited local youth to campus for an evening of trick-or-treating, games, and festive fun. Co-hosted by the Association of Student Athletes and the ASMSUN Inter-Organizational Council, the carnival brought together students, athletes, and community families to celebrate Halloween Northern-style.

Celebrating First-Generation Students at MSU-Northern



Casey Donovan proudly celebrates being a first-generation college student—now serving as a valued member of MSU-Northern's faculty.

Yesterday, (Nov. 6) Student Support Services (SSS) in Cowan Hall, celebrated all of our First-Generation students, staff, and faculty! First Gen Day is a national celebration recognizing those who are the first in their families to attend college and earn a bachelor's degree. The official observance falls on November 8 each year—marking the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which opened doors for students across the country to pursue higher education.

At MSU-Northern, first-generation students make up an impressive 41.5% of all degree-seeking students—nearly one-third of the campus community. Since 1972, Northern's TRIO Student Support Services program has been helping these students thrive academically and graduate on time. SSS offers guidance, mentorship, and resources that empower students to succeed.

Northern also proudly supports Veterans Upward Bound, helping military service members transition into college life. Together, these programs reflect MSU-Northern's strong commitment to helping every student achieve their educational goals.

MSU-Northern Celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month



MSU-Northern is proudly celebrating National American Indian Heritage Month in November, a time to honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. From November 3–7, students, staff, and faculty were encouraged to wear ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts to show pride in Indigenous traditions and artistry.

On Tuesday, November 4, the campus community gathered on the north side of the sledding hill for a tipi-raising led by Terry Brockie, from Fort Belknap. The event not only showcased the beauty of traditional structures but also highlighted the STEM concepts and engineering principles embedded in Indigenous design of a tipi. Brockie explained how quickly the tipi can be raised and disassembled. He also discussed how the tipi “ears” can be moved depending on wind direction, to help with ventilation and protect the inhabitants from inclement weather and smoke from the fire.



Later that afternoon, Brockie led a thoughtful discussion in the Vande Bogart Library on *Indigenous Worldviews and the Significance of Sacred Objects*. The session invited reflection on how traditional knowledge systems continue to shape and inspire communities today.

Be sure to check the list of upcoming events below for more wonderful events that will take place throughout the month of November for American Indian Heritage Month



By Scott Guyant and assisted by ChatGPT version 5.0 Thinking

Helpful, Honest, and Human: Ethics of AI on Campus (Part 1)

AI is already in our browsers, library systems, and our content management systems like Microsoft Office. The real question isn't *whether* to use it, but *how* to use it so people continue to learn and stay protected. Here's a practical, five-pillar approach—with quick actions for students and faculty.

The Five Pillars (in plain language)

Transparency. Say when and how AI contributed. Always add a brief “AI Use Note” on submissions and keep key prompts/outputs with drafts for accountability. (This is done easily in a word doc or google doc.)

Privacy & Consent. Don't paste sensitive, personal, or unpublished course data into public tools. (This includes assignment prompts/instruction in an LMS like Canvas or D2L). Use campus-licensed or on-premise options when available; strip identifiers or use dummy data when you must ask for help.

Academic Integrity. Use AI to learn (brainstorm, outline, explain)—not to replace the thinking your course is designed to assess. Follow course rules exactly; treat outputs like drafts to verify and rewrite.

Bias & Fairness. Assume blind spots. Ask “Who's missing?” Cross-check claims with diverse, authoritative sources and do a quick “bias pass” to catch stereotypes, gaps, or skewed examples.

Attribution & IP. Cite the sources you *actually* used. Disclose AI assistance per course/discipline norms. Verify every reference. If you find any fakes, replace them before you submit.

Check out the NNN next week as Scott presents part two on this very important topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day – Nov. 11

MSU-Northern will be closed in observance of Veterans Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

More National American Indian Heritage Month Activities – Nov. 10-24

Rock Your Mocs! – All November

Wear your moccasins throughout November to show your support and celebrate Indigenous culture.

Native American Jewelry Week – Nov. 10-14

Show off your favorite earrings and Native American jewelry!

On Tuesday, November 12, from 2:00-5:00 PM, in Sweetgrass Commons (upstairs in the SUB) you're invited to participate in an Indigenous Jewelry Workshop, led by the very talented Bridgette Shields, and hosted by the Little River Institute. Registration is required for the workshop and materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome! The class is limited to 20 participants.

Braids, Bandanas & Scarves Week – Nov. 17-21

Proudly wear your braids, bandanas, and scarves in celebration of Indigenous heritage.

Community Meal - Nov. 24

On Monday, November 24 at 11:00 AM, you're invited to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread at the Little River Institute, upstairs in the SUB. Soup will be served until gone—come share in fellowship and community.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Nov.12 — Sign Up Today!

MSU-Northern will host its next Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This month's drive offers extra perks for donors — a free A1C diabetes test and a \$20 e-gift card as a thank-you for giving. November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, and this is a great opportunity to support community health while learning more about your own.

Schedule your donation today at RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or contact Wanda at 406-265-3599 for details.

The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Presents “Seriously Swing’n Jazz”



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra invites you to an evening of toe-tapping tunes at their concert, *Seriously Swing’n Jazz*, on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Cowan Hall.

This lively performance will feature a mix of classic and contemporary jazz favorites, including *I’m Getting Sentimental Over You*, *It’s Only a Paper Moon*, *Pennsylvania 6-5000*, *Hello Dolly*, *Pure Imagination*, *The Lady Is a Tramp*, *Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man*, and more.

Under the direction of Rhonda Minnick, and featuring vocalists Kristi Peterson and Jeffrey Patterson, this concert promises an entertaining evening for music lovers of all ages.

NEXT WEEK

Friday, November 7

MSUN Cross Country @ Frontier Conference

Skylights Basketball @ Great Falls vs Wayland Baptist University - 2:00 PM

Skylights Volleyball vs Montana Tech - 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 8

Lights Football vs Valley City State University - 12:00 PM

Monday, November 10

Registration for Spring Semester 2026 -Freshmen

Lights Basketball @ Walla Walla University - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, November 11

Holiday ~ Veterans Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 12

Lights Wrestling vs University of Providence - 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 13

Skylights Volleyball @ Frontier Conference Tournament

Saturday, November 15,

Lights Wrestling @ Grand View Open

Lights Football @ Dakota State University -12:00 PM

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By: William J. Lanier

(#445) My Favorite Websites on Northern

When researching Northern, I rely quite a bit on certain websites, and I am going to share a few of them with all of you.

Here are a few of my favorites

- Old Northern Network Newsletters - Current Northern Network News | MSU Northern

- Digital archives of the Havre Daily News - Old Digital Havre Daily Newspapers
- Old NOMOCO and Northern Light Newspapers - NOMOCO & Northern Light
- Old Northerner Yearbooks (Annuals) - Old NMC & MSU-N Yearbooks
- Northern History- Northern Timeline
- NMC & MSU-N Buildings - Northern Buildings
- Frontier Conference - Frontier Conference

Here are a few other personal favorites of mine

- Job Search Site for anywhere in the United States - US National Labor Exchange (USNLX)
- O-Net On-Line – Site to assist in writing resumes (old-fashioned way without AI) - O*NET OnLine
- Havre City Codes - CITY CODE of HAVRE, MONTANA

Please enjoy and share with me some of your favorite sites.

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