

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Week on Campus*

## Festival Days Parade



Last weekend Havre held its annual Festival Days celebration including the much anticipated parade. Those attending the event noticed that the line-up was longer than usual, and the parade seems to be getting better every year. Thanks to all the Northern clubs, groups, and individuals who showed their Lights pride in the parade this year. It was great to see the Big-Ns on floats and around town all weekend.

## Homecoming Week/Hello Walk



As is tradition for Northern clubs, each group gathered at the Hello Walk to stake a claim on a concrete slab and usher in the homecoming festivities with vibrant new colors on our school's sloping staircase. The clubs get together and work side by side to collaborate on the new stair art for the year. The Hello Walk is lovingly named as such due to its ability to unite diverse clubs on a single project and because the wide steps do, in a sense, welcome people to the campus with its location and bright colors. The steps are looking fantastic. Northern's glad to have had its yearly Hello Walk "facelift."

## Pool Party- Northern Style



Last week, a thought crossed some Northern students' minds, "Why not enjoy the last bit of warm weather by creating our very own pool party on campus?" The students collected four pickups and filled the beds with water so they could soak up the sun as the summer comes to a close. You've got to hand it to these students. They used their originality to create a fun and laid back afternoon activity with pickups; that's fun-Northern style.

## Death by Chocolate



Once again the Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) held a deathly delicious "Death by Chocolate" event as a fundraiser for the group. Those who attended enjoyed not only the delicacies and fine acting, but also prizes from games, auctions, and raffles. If you missed out on this divine event, keep your eyes open around this time next year, as there will most probably be a 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Death by Chocolate" coming next year. You can also support MAT by attending their upcoming shows. The next show coming to campus is "On Borrowed Time" which opens on October 17.

## Cowpie Bingo Nursing Trip Fundraiser

The Cowpie Bingo fundraiser benefitting the Montana Nurses' trip occurred last week. The nurses will be going to Nepal to work in hospitals, clinics, rural villages, and orphanages providing needed medical care. The group sold 81 squares and made a total of \$1950. The winner took home \$975 and we brought in \$975.

The winner was Brandi Liestman. At the last minute the nurses needed to sell one more square to fill the 9 rows by 9 rows, and Liestman had already purchased several squares but wrote a check for one last square. That square was the one that ended up winning her the money. Liestman is one of the ASN nursing students going on the trip. She is planning to use her winnings to pay for her deposit on her airfare and will then donate a few hundred back to the group for trip expenses.

The nurses would love to say thank you to Tim Solomon, who graciously allowed them to use the Great Northern Fairgrounds and the portable panels. A big thank you goes out to Bear Paw Livestock in Chinook for the loan of the cow. We also would like to thank Cynthia and James Sharples who generously gave a truck full of food for the cow that everyone had a great time feeding it.

Cowpie Bingo ended up being a barrel of laughs as people really got into calling the cow and coaxing it over for food and making noises trying to get it near their square. Thanks to all who participated.

If you'd still like to make a donation to this cause, you can make a donation by credit card, debit card, or PayPal by visiting the funding site:

Indiegogo: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/montana-student-nurse-international-volunteers-2/x/7958572>

## Native American Week



Native American Week is a celebration near and dear to many people's hearts in the Havre and Northern communities. This year's festivities kicked off at Northern with the Sweetgrass Society teepee raising which was prayed for and blessed by Joseph Cochran of the Blood Indian Reserve in Canada. The location of the teepee changed from the SUB lawn to the near practice field this year to gain more community visibility.

Other Native American Week activities included the diabetes walk at Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Terry Brockie's lecture on current Indian issues, a beadwork workshop, Indian taco sale, and round dance and berry soup and bread meal. There's a very intentional focus on reviving the rich culture of the Native American people and not allowing assimilation to totally erase the wonderful history from generations past.

In addition to this week's celebration, Northern will observe National American Indian Heritage Month- November. Keep your eyes open around campus to see the ways the Northern family will celebrate Native American history in November.

## Beadwork Workshop



Cheryl Morales held a beadwork workshop last week during Native American Week. Morales brought some breathtaking finished projects as models, and beginners and seasoned bead workers alike were able to learn to emulate her delicate and unique style through this workshop.

## Richard Ellis Offers Presentation on the Dog Soldier Ledger Book

This week the Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series brought in Richard Ellis of the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau to present "The Dog Soldier Ledger Book: Art as a Source for Indian History." If you missed this informative presentation, you may want to research The Dog Soldier Ledger Book, as the information about it is both historically and artistically full and enlightening.

Please visit the website to see the upcoming Chancellor's Lecture Series presentations:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## Homecoming Candidate Tradition- Pie in the Face



MSU-Northern homecoming candidates know what they're getting into when they're nominated as a candidate. Though it is a great honor to represent a Northern club, there are certain "duties" that come with the candidacy. Getting pie in the face is one of these not-so-glamorous qualifications. Yet every year, the candidates get messy with pride for their clubs and school. Thanks to everyone who made this year's pie throwing event memorable.

These are this year's candidates, two of which will be crowned king and queen this weekend.

### NORTHERN DIESEL RACING

Cory Buckley  
Maure Murdock

### STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Travis Dean  
Mollie Rose

### POST-SECONDARY AGRICULTURE CLUB

Kaleb Fisher  
Timberlee Pankratz

### SWEETGRASS SOCIETY

Hunter Chandler  
Jennifer Polensky

### RESIDENCE LIFE

Caleb Harbor  
Desarae Sipes

### AMBASSADORS

James Erickson

Ashley Betzel

BACCHUS

Matt McKeen

Janice Griebel

## Vote for Your Favorite "Big N" Today!

Please click on the following link so you can fill out the survey which will help us determine the winners of the Big-N decorating contest.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e9v6iw3wi09re3zz/start>

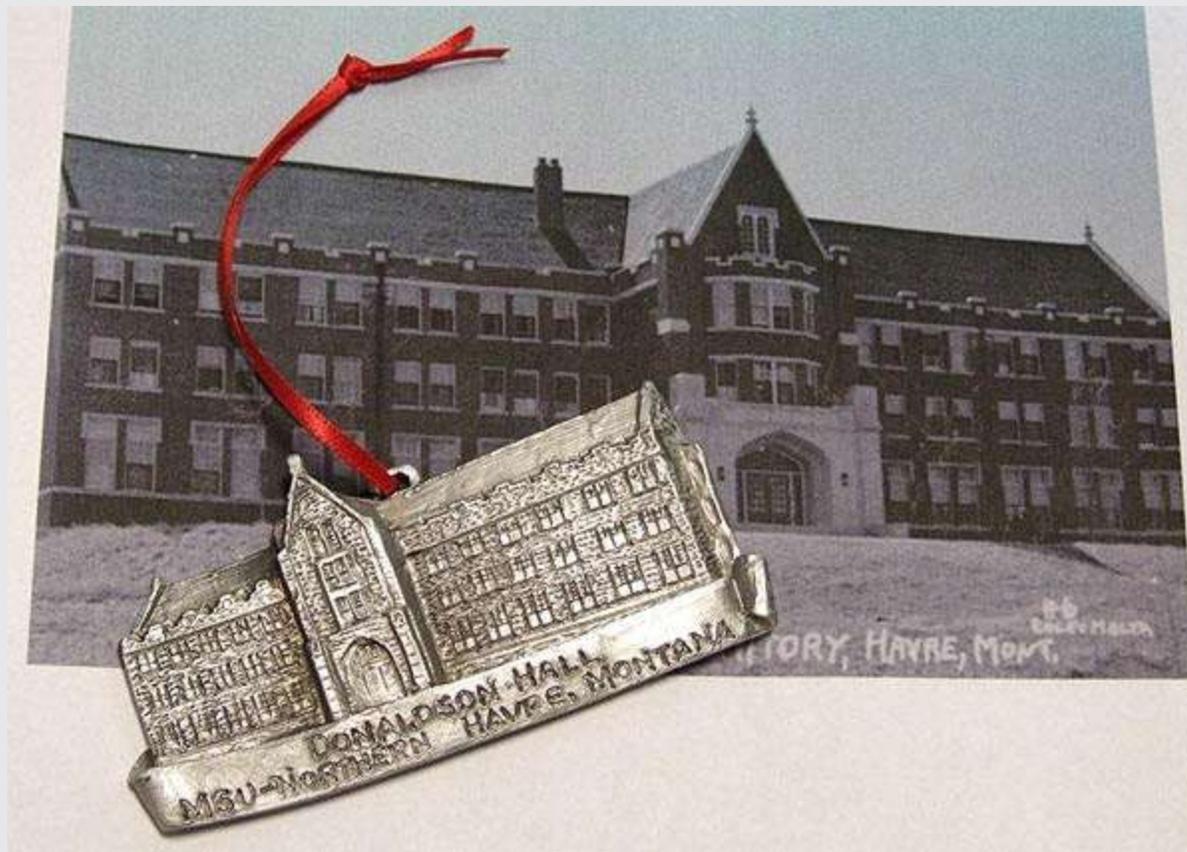
The voting categories include:

- "N" with the best use of color
- "N" that is the most creative
- "N" that is the best overall

The winners will be announced during half-time of this Saturday's Homecoming football game.

Even though the contest is drawing to a close, you can still get a "Big N" to show your school spirit. You can pick up an assembled or unassembled "Big N" kit from the Chamber of Commerce or SUB info desk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.). The unassembled kit costs \$30 and contains pre-cut wood to build and paint an "N." The assembled kit costs \$50 and simply requires decoration. We are trying to get as many "N's" on and off campus as possible. We also want to encourage people to display their "N's" on game days if not all year long.

## Donaldson Hall Honored in Christmas Ornament



In July, the Havre/Hill County Historic Preservation Commission nominated Donaldson Hall as the feature for its annual Christmas Ornament. This limited edition, 2014 ornament, will be the fourth building highlighted for its historical significance to the community and MSU-Northern. Donaldson Hall was constructed in 1936, perched on a hilltop of the Northern Campus. This structure has remained an iconic building on campus for the past 85 years. Designed by Frank Bossuot, its architecture is described as Collegiate Revival Gothic; a popular style for school structures in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries throughout the United States and Canada. Although the building is currently vacant, it has, through the years, undergone various stabilization

projects, most recently this past year. The ultimate goal for Donaldson Hall is that it will once again serve an active role at MSU-Northern.

You can purchase this ornament from the Chamber of Commerce or at the MSUN Bookstore at a price of \$20, and proceeds will go towards community preservation projects and Fort Assiniboine. A limited number of past ornaments are still available at the Chamber location. The H/HCHPC would like to thank the community for their support. This fundraiser has had great success and will continue to be an annual event!

## **Prior Learning Becomes Academic Credit**

MSU-Northern students already know a lot of information before coming to college. The knowledge that you acquired outside the classroom is extremely valuable. At Montana State University-Northern we have a process for turning this learning from professional experience into academic credit. You can enroll in a course that will teach you how to build an experiential learning portfolio that you can use to earn college credit. You can earn your degree faster and save money.

There are many types of learning that can be evaluated with a portfolio:

- Work experience and job skills
- Employer training programs
- Military service
- Independent study
- Volunteer or community service
- Other training or skills

Here is how it works:

### **Credit Predictor Tool**

This easy-to-use tool helps you identify areas of your knowledge and expertise that align with college courses and could be evaluated for college credit. You can use this tool at [learningcounts.org/predictor](http://learningcounts.org/predictor).

### **Online and Telephone Guidance**

College Credit Specialists are ready to address your questions about earning college credit for what you know. Request a call with a Specialist by visiting <http://www.learningcounts.org/contact-learningcounts>.

### **Portfolio Development Courses**

If you are ready to seek college credit, we offer a course that explains how to create a portfolio that shows what you know so it can be evaluated. Look for CAEL 100 in our course catalog.

### **Portfolio Evaluation and Credit Recommendations**

Learning Portfolios are evaluated for college credit by expert faculty drawn from a wide range of schools across the country. If credit is awarded it will appear on your transcript!

For more information, contact the Registrar or your academic advisor.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Bingo- Oct. 1**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will continue our monthly bingo night on October the 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and a Bluetooth wireless speaker will be given to the winner of the blackout bingo at the end of the evening. ASMSUN will also provide free snacks and refreshments.

### **MSU-Northern Talent Show- Oct. 2**

Can you dance? Can you sing? Are you an actor? Do your friends think you are funny? The ASMSUN Program Council's Annual Talent Show is scheduled for October the 2nd at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Sign up at the SUB Info Desk. Acts will be judged on originality, appearance, talent and presentation. First place will receive a \$75 gift certificate from the MSUN Bookstore, second place is a \$50 gift certificate, and third place receives a \$25 gift certificate.

## Coed Volleyball- Oct. 6

Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin October the 6th. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Info Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m., October the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Games will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until October the 21st with the tournament scheduled for October 27-28. You don't have to be trained or be a sports superstar to join a team. It's meant to be a fun time getting to know each other, while taking part in a fitness event.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## Weekly Articles

### Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that during the summer of 2013, former Northern student, Bryden Vukasin, appeared on the national television show "The Bachelorette"? Not only was he included in the 25 beginning bunch of bachelors, but he also received exclusive screen time, as he was able to attend a one-on-one date with the bachelorette, Desiree Hartsock, and even stole a kiss. Vukasin ended up voluntarily taking his leave on episode 5 of season 9.

Vukasin is currently a student at the University Montana, after having served in military. He also played a year of football for the Northern Lights and has played football for the semi-pro team, Missoula Phoenix. Two of Vukasin's three brothers, Triston and Courtlan, also briefly attended Northern.

### The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

#### Windows 8.1 Tip Customize Quiet Hours

Integrated notification pop-ups were first introduced on Windows 8. What's new on Windows 8.1 is the option to turn the notifications off or set a period of time for which the notifications may appear. To do this:

1. Swipe from the right side of your screen or hover your mouse in the upper or lower right corner of your screen to open the **Charms** menu
2. Click **Settings**, then **Change PC settings**,
3. Click on **Search and Apps**,
4. Select **Notifications**,
5. Now you can configure your options in the **Notifications**, **Quiet Hours** and **Show notifications from these apps** sections

### Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

#### Who vs. Whom

Many people wonder whether to use the word "who" or "whom" in their writing, but most writers default to using "who" if they are unsure. I'm going to try to clarify the situation a bit so that you can be a confident writer and choose the correct w-word.

In linguistics language, we use the pronoun "who" when referring to a subject of a sentence, meaning the person doing the action in the sentence. We use "whom" when writing about the object of the sentence, the person receiving the action.

Mignon Fogarty offers a great mnemonic to help us remember how to determine who the subject and objects are in sentences. When I say, "I love you," You are the object of my affection. See? You are the object of the sentence making me the subject, the one doing the action of loving.

So let's apply this knowledge to a "who/whom" situation. Consider the sentence, "Connor punched Tanner." If you ask about the subject of the sentence, you'd write, "Who punched Tanner?" You're asking about the person doing the action. If you're wondering about the one receiving the punch, you'd write, "Whom did Connor punch?"

Fogarty gives us another helpful memory tip: When wondering about using "who" or "whom," ask yourself whether you could answer with "he" or "him." "Whom" and "him" both end in "m," so if you could answer the question with "him," you should use "whom" when asking, and vice versa. I hope these tips help you in your future writing endeavors.

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