

## *This Week on Campus*

### **CHS Foundation Donates \$250,000 to MSUN Diesel Center**



Last Friday, the CHS Foundation presented MSU-Northern with a check for \$250,000 for Northern's new Diesel Technology Center. The presentation was made in front of hundreds of students and parents during the opening presentation to Northern's fall student orientation.

During a span of more than thirty years, CHS and the CHS Foundation have provided more than \$75,000 in support of Northern students, namely through scholarships. Their most recent donation is the company's first investment in the physical campus and it shows a great commitment to Northern and its students. Many of Northern's agriculture, diesel, and business graduates go on to work for CHS, so this gift is an investment toward the futures of both Northern and CHS.

"The CHS Foundation is proud to partner with Montana State University-Northern on the Auto/Diesel Technology Center," said William Nelson, CHS Foundation president. "Our support will help attract new talent into MSU-Northern's diesel technology programs and equip them with the tools to be successful in their future careers."

The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains, and food companies. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business, and rural America.

## New Student Orientation Highlights Video



This year Northern's student orientation was attended by 220 students and 85 parents. Students toured the campus, registered for classes, took in workshops and enjoyed several fun activities. [Click Here](#) to see the orientation highlights video.

## First Annual Maroon and Gold Fun Run



MSU-Northern's Cross-Country team hosted their first annual Maroon and Gold Fun Run last Saturday. The event was a fund raiser for Northern's new Men and Women's Cross-Country team and was designed to introduce the community to Northern's team. The event featured a one-mile walk, and 5K and 10K runs which went around the campus and around the town. [Click Here](#) to see the orientation highlights video which contains clips from this event.

## Wet Willy 2015



Wet Willy is a Northern Welcome Week tradition, so the Chi Alpha (XA) team whipped out a hundred feet of plastic tarp, gallons of soap, hoses, and two huge "willy" inner tubes. With around 180 students' participation this year, Wet Willy 2015 was definitely a success. [Click Here](#) to see the orientation highlights video which contains clips from this event.

## Alumni Foundation Outdoor Movie Night



The Northern Alumni Foundation sponsored their second movie night last Saturday. They featured the movie *Godzilla*, and the film attracted new students and their families and friends to a fun and relaxed evening of entertainment. The goal is to show these movies in the natural outdoor amphitheater located behind Pershing hall, whenever weather permits. Their first movie (pictured above) was *Ghost Busters*.

## Veteran Success Center Open House



MSU-Northern hosted an open house on August 25 at the new Veteran Success Center in the Hagener Science Building, Room 115. This open house was the kick off to a series of events designed to create an active and interconnected veteran community on the MSU-Northern campus.

## Army National Guard Helps Offer Intramural Events



The Montana Army National Guard (MANG) and Montana State University-Northern Intramural Sports and Recreational facilities are partnering for the academic year to provide our students with three different intramural sporting events for fall 2015 and spring 2016. The first of these events occurred on Thursday and included big glove boxing and rock wall climbing. Both events were well-attended and entertaining to watch. Be on the lookout for the upcoming intramural/MANG partner hosted events.

## Student Spotlight - Brenton Beard

By Kimmi Boyce



MSU-Northern health student Brenton Beard is part of Northern's nationally ranked wrestling team, and as such, he recognizes health and fitness as top priorities in life. This is why Beard chose to submit himself and his free time to a summer internship with J. Robinson Intensive Wrestling Camps.

Hailing from Spokane, Washington, Beard is a natural outdoorsman who enjoys hiking, swimming, and being outdoors as often as the weather permits. He had worked with the J. Robinson camps during previous summers and loved the opportunities he was given to work with kids and help them stay active to better their

overall health. This summer, his work at the camp revolved around four daily sessions. The first block encompassed a cardio regimen, generally including running drills. Next were the wrestling sessions, during which the trainers instructed students on technique and strategies. The third block often included motivational speeches or group talks to inspire the students. Each day came to a close with an organized cleaning session.

Throughout this very structured camp, Beard had to overcome some difficult challenges. While working with students from grades seven to eleven, he encountered all kinds of personalities. The kids came from a plethora of backgrounds and had varying levels of work ethic and personal conviction. He dealt with issues from curbing kids' apathy to addressing moments of harsh bullying. All in all, however, Beard loved the internship experience. He was able to do what he loves- coaching students and helping them prepare for long term success, just like his Northern coaches and professors are guiding and directing him towards his future success. Northern is proud of Brenton Beard, not only for following his dreams with wrestling, but for being an exemplary mentor for younger students throughout his pursuit of education and his career.

## Northern Skylight A'jha Edwards to play in Puerto Rico

Montana State University-Northern women's basketball coach Chris Mouat has announced that former Skylight All-American A'jha Edwards has signed a contract to play professional basketball in Puerto Rico. Edwards, a 6'5", two-time NAIA All-American will immediately join the Cangrejas de Santuce team in the BSNF Basketball league (also known as the Women's National Superior Basketball). Mouat said, "This is a great opportunity for A'jha. She has a good contract in a very good place to play. I have no doubt that she will have a ton of success professionally."

At MSU-Northern, Edwards had a record-setting career. She was an Honorable Mention NAIA All-American as a junior, and as a senior, she was a First Team NAIA All-American as well as a First Team WBCA All-American. She helped the Skylights to back-to-back NAIA Division I National Tournament appearances, finishing in the round of 16 in 2014 and in the Elite 8 in 2015. At the 2015 tournament, she earned First Team All-Tournament honors. In back-to-back weeks during the 2014-2015 season, she was named the NAIA National Player of the Week.

In just two seasons as a Skylight, Edwards amassed 1011 points and 806 rebounds. She also set single season records at Northern for rebounds in a season (467), rebounds per game (13.75), and rebounds in a game (28). The 28 rebounds in a game also stand as an NAIA National Tournament record.

Last week the NNN mentioned that Edwards's Pima Community College jersey was featured in the Ring of Honor for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. That jersey was actually on display for the 2012-2013 season. Her Northern jersey is in the Ring of Honor this year and was one of approximately 100 selected from top players throughout the nation.



## Three Northern Grads Mark 2015 with Notable Accomplishment

Steve Morsette (2006 MSUN graduate) has accepted a position as Indian Education Implementation Specialist with Montana's Office of Public Instruction (Division of Indian Education Programs & Services). Morsette had been teaching at Box Elder since his graduation.

Mike LaValley (2014 MSUN graduate) completed George Washington University's prestigious Native American Political Leadership Program last spring and has now received a fellowship from The National Congress of American Indians which is the oldest, largest, and most representative organization serving American Indians. The Wilma Mankiller Fellowship Program will provide LaValley with 11 months of funding during which he will be asked to engage in public policy, applied research, program development, and work toward building a pipeline of young Native American professionals in response to tribal leader demands.

Pat Jensen (2015 MSUN graduate) will serve as Student Assistant Coach at NCAA Division I Idaho State while working toward his master's degree in athletic administration. Aside from coordinating the team's day-to-day activities, Jensen is breaking down practice and game film, coordinating film exchange, supervising the team managers, and keeping game statistics.

Well done, Steve, Mike, and Pat! You make Northern proud.

## MSUN Department of Education Professor Honored

Dr. Fred Smiley, Professor of Education at Montana State University-Northern, has recently received some very distinguished recognition. He has been nominated for a "U.S. Professors of the Year" award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. MSUN Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. William Rugg completed the nomination and included a strong letter of support. Dr. Smiley also received support letters from colleagues and students. Dr. Rugg noted that Dr. Smiley has received several honors and recognitions for his teaching over the years, in both traditional ("face-to-face") and online formats, as well as for his frequent volunteering to work for students who need reading and writing assistance. In addition to his teaching efforts, Dr. Smiley is active in several professional organizations, continues to write for publication, and is an editor for the "Thought and Action," and "Excellence on College Teaching" groups. This summer Dr. Smiley was asked to serve as a reviewer for "The Rural Educator," a publication that fits well with Northern's mission of serving small schools and communities. In addition, he set up his own online journal, "Hi Line Theory Into Practice" several years ago, and the upcoming winter (2015) edition will feature scholarship from MSUN students in Dr. Curtis Smeby's graduate instruction and learning program.

Dr. Rugg commented that Dr. Smiley has "a wide variety of skills which he utilizes in his daily responsibilities as an MSUN professor of education, and that he is most deserving of consideration for this award." The recipients of the 2015 U.S. Professors of the Year award are recognized for their success in teaching and commitment to working with undergraduate students. The awards ceremony takes place in November, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

## MSU-Northern Lewistown Campus Hosts Manufacturing Course

Over the course of the summer, MSU-Northern's Lewistown campus hosted a class series: Manufacturing 101. The instruction was spear-headed by Spika Design and Manufacturing. The class took place on Saturdays and featured teaching from Spika employees, volunteering their own time to assist with the instruction. Students were introduced to hands-on techniques and were able to create their own projects based on blueprint designs. Many of the students were quite excited by the teaching they received, and though there are no definite plans for a second series, students and instructors alike have been mentioning the idea in hopes for a sequel series.

## "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: 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 be registered through IOC (Inter-Organizational Clubs). These forms are located at the Student Union Information Desk or online at <http://www.msun.edu/stuorgs/>

## Correction to Last Week's "New Faces at Northern for 2015" Bio List

One of our new staff member's biography information was not included in last week's NNN. We apologize for that mistake, and would like to add Jamie Verploegen to the "New Faces of Northern for 2015" list. Verploegen is the Montana Environmental Training Center's new Administrative Associate II. Jamie graduated from Havre High School. She attended Minot State University taking courses in

speech pathology. She worked for Havre Public Schools and Bear Paw Lumber prior to joining MSU-Northern. Stop by and say hello to Jamie in HSC223.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Did that student read the syllabus? - Aug. 28**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Tracking student participation. More than a mere tool for "checking up" on students, tracking participation allows you as an instructor to better pinpoint where in your course students get lost, confused, or bored, and then make improvements. Is there information you would like to know about how students interact with your online/blended course? Have you discovered a way to draw useful information from your students? Please come and share your insights, and enjoy coffee, snacks, and conversation while you do. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, Aug. 28) from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again from 1:30 - 2:30 in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### **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 be held 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*

### **Canoeing and Hiking - Aug. 29 & Sept. 12**

MSU-Northern Intramurals/Recreation will be sponsoring two fun-filled events on August 29 and September 12 for students, faculty and/or staff to attend. On Saturday, August 29, a canoeing trip will take place, with a departure time of 1 p.m. Please sign up at the SUB Information Desk by Friday, August 28 by 5 p.m. We will meet in the SUB Lobby to caravan out to the mountains for a wonderful day of canoeing, swimming, and fishing (bring your fishing poles, if you choose). Northern will also be hosting a BBQ with all the fixings that afternoon.

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.





# Autumn Walks Series

Join Havre Trails for a series of outdoor educational opportunities for all ages and ability levels. We invite you to explore with us.

Save the dates and mark your calendar with this schedule, then subscribe to events at [www.facebook.com/havretrails](http://www.facebook.com/havretrails). Our Facebook page will be kept updated with specifics and cancellations in case of inclement weather. Alternatively, check the Havre Daily community events calendar or sign up to receive our email updates. Email questions to [havretrails@gmail.com](mailto:havretrails@gmail.com) or call (406) 301-3991.

Sunday, August 30

*Botany in Beaver Creek with Terri Hildebrand*

Saturday, September 12

*Mount Otis with MSU-Northern Student Activities*

Saturday, September 26

*Sweetgrass Hills Adventure*

Sunday, October 4

*Fall Foliage Photo Walk with Steve Helmbrecht*

Saturday, October 17

*Stargazing with Friends of Beaver Creek Park*

## **Bingo is Back - Sept. 2**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting monthly bingo nights this semester. The first bingo night will be September 2 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and a 7" Android tablet will be the prize for the winner of the blackout bingo at the end of the evening. ASMSUN will provide refreshments.



## **Sweet Grass Society's First Meeting - Sept. 2**

Maintain your Native ways. Join the Sweet Grass Society. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, September the 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon- 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. The club will provide a complimentary lunch.

## **Disc Golf Tourney and BBQ- Sept. 3**

The ASMSUN Intramurals/Recreation committee is hosting a disc golf tournament on September the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. The map for the course has been changed over the summer, and we will begin the tournament behind the gymnasium. Sign up in advance for the singles, doubles or team event at the SUB Information Desk. A BBQ will follow on the SUB East Lawn for those who participate, and winners of the tournament will receive prizes.

## **Board Game Night- Sept. 8**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting a board game night on September the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## 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!

## Homecoming 2015- Sept. 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

## Havre's Saturday Market - Till 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'd 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](mailto:chamber@havremt.net).

## Weekly Columns

### Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

The NNN TidBit would like to wish all Northern students, faculty, and staff 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 on just that, tidbits centered on Northern, alumni, or various other Northern connections. If you know of something that would make for an interesting NNN TidBit, please e-mail me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com). I will see about including it in a future edition.

To update a TidBit from the September 19, 2014 issue of the NNN, Former Northern student and volleyball player Molly Trotter has moved on from KTVL in Medford, Oregon to KREM in Spokane, Washington. Trotter is a reporter for KREM, and here is a link to her current bio on the KREM website: <http://www.krem.com/story/about-us/team-bios/2015/08/07/molly-trotter/30756721/>

Montana native, Jessica Handley, who is also the daughter of former Skylights volleyball head coach Lisa Handley, is beginning her second season a member of the NCAA Division I, University of Minnesota women's volleyball team. Young Handley played her freshman year at Syracuse University, and then transferred to Minnesota. Here is a link to her current bio on the University of Minnesota's women's volleyball website: [http://www.gophersports.com/sports/w-volley/mtt/erica\\_handley\\_892900.html](http://www.gophersports.com/sports/w-volley/mtt/erica_handley_892900.html)