



# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

## Northern Network News

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### Death by Chocolate Goes Back to 1920's New Orleans



Last Saturday (Sept. 28) Montana Actors' Theatre's (MAT) "Death by Chocolate" event took attendees back to the 1920s in New Orleans with a unique Speakeasy twist. The night featured a packed house and an atmosphere of jazz and excitement. Members of the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra provided live jazz music which guests enjoyed while they ate and danced. During the evening, MAT's upcoming show lineup was

revealed, and exclusive sponsorship opportunities were offered to individuals and businesses. The event was another successful fundraiser for MAT.

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## Northern Athletes Helped Clean the Highway



The Association of Student Athletes (ASA) successfully cleaned the Adopt-a-Highway mile which is between marker 1 to mile marker 2 in Beaver Creek Park, just past First Lake on Sunday (Sept. 29). This was their fourth year cleaning the Adopt-a-Highway mile, with nearly 50 volunteers representing almost every sports team. The event went very well, despite a close encounter with a rattlesnake for two of the players.

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## Community Learns How to Play Traditional Native Games





The Traditional Native Games event took place on the SUB Lawn on Friday, September 27th. The event was led by Hannah Haseagle, who taught participants about traditional Native Games, followed by an opportunity for students to participate in those activities. Students, staff/faculty, and the community, including students from Havre Public Schools, were invited to participate. Participants learned that the willow tree is the backbone for many of the games, with all pieces of the tree being utilized across the various games. A great time was had by all that attended!

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## Unlock the Potential of 3D Printing at the Library



This summer, the Vande Bogart Library launched a new Micro Makerspace featuring 3D printing. To introduce students to the exciting world of 3D printing, the library is offering two hands-on workshops led by Emilee Luke. The first session took place on Wednesday, October 2, and the second one will be held on Thursday, November 21.

Whether you're new to 3D printing or have some experience, these workshops will provide you with the foundational skills and confidence to bring your ideas to life. Don't miss this opportunity to explore 3D printing in a supportive, engaging environment! For more information call 406-265-4140 or visit <https://msun.libcal.com/event/13156526>.

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## Tiffany Vickers Named Dean of the College of Health Sciences at MSU-Northern

MSU-Northern is excited to announce the appointment of Tiffany Vickers as the new Dean of the College of Health Sciences. Tiffany brings a wealth of experience in health promotion and education, having earned her degrees from the University of Utah. Her background has given her a deep understanding of the importance of producing healthcare professionals who can help people live the healthiest lives possible.



Tiffany is passionate about fostering student success and creating innovative opportunities for faculty, staff, and students alike. She is particularly focused on increasing enrollment in nursing programs and expanding the university's integrated health sciences offerings. These initiatives align with her commitment to addressing the growing healthcare needs of the community and preparing students for impactful careers in health and wellness.

"I am thrilled to be joining MSU-Northern and look forward to working closely with the faculty, staff, and students to continue building on the university's legacy of excellence," says Tiffany.

Originally from Utah, Tiffany is eager to make her home in Northern Montana and engage with the local community. In her free time, she enjoys the national park system, gardening, and spending time with her husband John and their two dogs.

MSU-Northern warmly welcomes Tiffany Vickers as the new Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

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## Potential Northern Students Take Part in College Application Weeks

MSU-Northern is pleased to participate in College Application Weeks (Sept. 30 – Oct. 11) which provides high school seniors the opportunity to learn about Montana colleges and universities and complete a college application during the school day, thereby opening the door for many students who might not otherwise take this important step toward college. Participating high school seniors not only have an opportunity to apply to a college, but also can utilize the central application at [ApplyMontana.mus.edu](https://ApplyMontana.mus.edu) to apply to any school in the Montana University System for FREE. Last year, students at 196 public,

private, and alternative high schools submitted more than 6,000 applications through ApplyMontana.mus.edu during the two-week event.

## Faculty Gear Up For Spring Advising



On Wed. (Oct. 2), The Provost's office hosted the first part of a two-part advising workshop for full-time faculty. The event allowed faculty to discuss topics related to DegreeWorks, transfer students, student-athlete eligibility, and other important aspects of student advising. The training was led by Dr. Gwen Hart, Dr. Casey Donovan, Dr. Valerie Guyant, and Laura Gomez. It aimed to introduce advising basics to faculty new to advising as well as provide additional support for those with previous advising experience. The second part of the event is scheduled for October 14, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in Brockmann 213.

## Student Spotlight – Breanna Marie Murphy



Breanna Marie Murphy, from Bigfork, Montana, enrolled at MSU-Northern through a transfer program from Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC), pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. The summer before her final year, she volunteered for the Flathead CASA program in Kalispell, serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for a minor in



foster care. Appointed by Judge Dan Wilson, Breanna's role involved building a trusting relationship with the child, investigating their situation, and interviewing everyone involved to determine what was in the child's best interest.

As a CASA, Breanna acted as the eyes and ears of the judge, attending court hearings, collaborating with the caseworker, and uncovering the truth in the child's case. The experience taught her valuable skills in interviewing, investigation, and navigating the complexities of the foster care system. It also provided her with a firsthand understanding of the court process and brought her classroom studies to life.

Breanna's time with CASA solidified her goal of becoming a Guardian ad Litem—a specialized attorney representing children in civil law cases, especially involving divorcing parents. After graduation, she plans to travel and study for the LSAT, aiming to attend law school at BYU or the University of Montana.

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## Join The Walk Around Campus Every Friday



Attention alumni, faculty, and staff. Let's take a walk! Walk'N Together is an initiative of MSUN to create a simple opportunity for Havre MSUN Alumni, and the institution's Faculty & Staff to casually come together to have authentic interpersonal conversations.

The idea is simple. Every Friday, in the month of October, you are invited to meet in front of Vande-Bogart Library at 12pm (noon). From there, we can all

walk the path that's shown below. It's anticipated that the path will take approximately 45 minutes.

Those that take part in all four weekly walks will be entered to win 1 of 4 MSUN apparel options from the Campus Bookstore (chosen by each winner). Coordinated by MSUN Student Success, Academic Affairs and Human Resources. For any questions, please call Josh Engle | (406) 265-3566 (Everyone taking part in this group activity does so at their own risk.)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Volunteers Needed for TekNoXpo & Showcase**

They are looking for 20 volunteers to assist with the TekNoXpo Showcase from 8:45 AM to 12:45 PM. Students, faculty, and staff members are all welcome to participate. Their duties will include:

**8:00 - 9:00 AM - Registration**

Help students register and settle in the gym.

**9:00 AM - 12:45 PM - Track Leaders**

Assist students in transitioning between workshops within their track.  
Lead students to the SUB for lunch.

**12:45 - 1:45 PM - Departure Assistance**

Help students navigate their way back to their buses after lunch.

Lunch will be provided for all faculty, staff, students, and industry partners assisting with the TekNoXpo Showcase!

If you can help, please contact Jessica Fagerbakke at ext. 3793 or [Jessica.fagerbakke@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.fagerbakke@gmail.com)

### **Positions Available at MSU-Northern**

Interested in a great full or part-time position at MSU-Northern? Visit [jobs.msun.edu](http://jobs.msun.edu) to see a list of currently open positions and apply!

- Instructor/Assistant Professor - Agriculture Faculty (Tenure Track)
- Administrative Associate III (COTS)
- Career Center Coordinator
- Culinary Professional II/Cook II
- Dual Enrollment Specialist
- Director of Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE)
- Recruiting Specialist

- Assistant Professor of Nursing, tenure track
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology
- Assistant Professor of Psychology, tenure-track
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Counselor Education, tenure track
- Clinical Resource Registered Nurse (CRRN) part-time
- Director of Workforce Education and Training

[Click here for more information or to apply...](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **AI Workshop Series for Students – Oct. 10**

This fall, Dr. Amy L. Smith presents a workshop series for students designed to demystify artificial intelligence and its use in higher education. Each workshop builds on previous sessions, so you must attend prior workshops to attend sessions 2 and 3. Get a free drink from the Northern Brew coffee shop for each session you attend and a certificate in AI Preparedness when you attend all 3! All workshops are held in the lower-level classroom in the MSUN Vande Bogart Library. Space is limited so reserving your seat is required; email Sarah at [sarah.velk@msun.edu](mailto:sarah.velk@msun.edu) with AI workshops in the subject line or call her at 406-265-4140 to reserve your seat for the full series. Visit <https://libguides.msun.edu/aiworkshops> for full details.

Thur., Oct. 10, 2-3pm - Session 3: Enhancing Learning and Studying with AI

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## **Alumni Auction – Luau Party – Oct. 4**

The MSU-Northern Foundation is thrilled to announce an unforgettable night of fun, fundraising, and fantastic prizes at the annual MSU-Northern Alumni Auction! Mark your calendars and dust off your Hawaiian shirts for a Luau-themed evening filled with excitement, community spirit, and the chance to support scholarships at MSU-Northern.

**Date: Friday, October 4th**

**Time: Doors open at 5:00 PM | Auction starts at 6:00 PM**

**Location: MSUN SUB Ballroom**

For just \$25, secure your spot to an evening of delicious food, games, raffles, and incredible prizes generously donated by our local businesses and individuals. Want to elevate your experience? Gather your friends and reserve a table for \$500! Each table seats eight, includes dinner, and comes with one free drink per guest.

So, grab your Hawaiian shirts, prepare to raise those paddles, and join us for a night you won't want to miss.

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## **MSU-Northern Career Fair – Oct. 9th**

The annual MSU-Northern career fair will be held in the Armory Gymnasium on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM. Employers will have booths set up and will chat with students about potential careers they might be interested in pursuing after earning their degree. Stop by and find your future career!

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## **TekNoXpo and ShowCASE – Oct.10**

TekNoXpo & ShowCASE! will take place next Thursday, October 10th, at various locations around our campus. TekNoXpo & ShowCASE is intended to introduce high school students to all that Northern has to offer in Academics, ranging from graphic design projects, to diesel equipment operation, to interacting with livestock, and even working with simulated humans in the Nursing lab - this event is very hands-on! TekNoXpo is open to all high school students grades 9-12.

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## **Board Game Night at the Library – Oct.10, Nov. 14**

Are you ready for an evening of strategy, laughter, and epic fun? Join us for Board Game Night. The event will take place every second Thursday of the month (fall semester Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14), 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, in the Vande Bogart Library, and is hosted by the University D&D Club. Bring your friends, meet new people, and discover your next favorite game! We'll have a wide variety of board games available, from classic favorites to modern hits.

Don't miss out on the chance to unwind and connect over some friendly competition. All skill levels are welcome. See you there!



## Explore Europe Over Spring Break!

Imagine spending your spring break exploring the rich cultural history of Europe while earning college credit. The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) is offering an incredible 7-day educational trip to Europe, packed with unforgettable experiences! Attend captivating theatrical performances. Visit world-renowned museums. Explore iconic historical landmarks. The price of the trip covers everything you'll need: Flights, Lodging (twin-share rooms), Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), Local transportation, Tickets to shows and events. You can even earn college credit.

Start planning the spring break adventure of a lifetime, and let's make memories in Europe!

[Click here to sign up to learn more about this exciting trip...](#)

## NEXT WEEK

### Friday, October 4

Northern Cross Country @ Yellowjacket/Bears Open  
Northern Alumni Auction - 5:00 PM

### Saturday, October 5

Lights Football @ Carroll College - 1:00 PM  
Skylights Volleyball vs Montana Western - 2:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 8

IOC Meeting - 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, October 09

Fall 2024 Career Fair - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

## Thursday, October 10

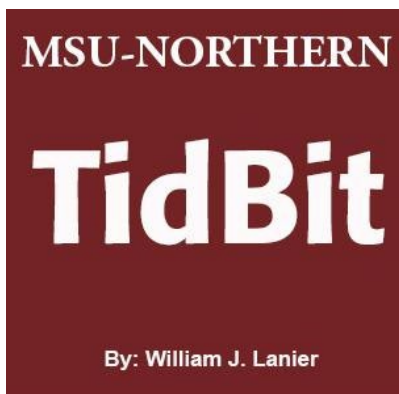
AI Workshops for Students - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Board Game Night at the Library - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

## Friday, October 11

Mid Term Grades Due  
Skylights Volleyball @ Frontier-North Star Conference Challenge - 11:00 AM

## Saturday, October 12

Skylights Volleyball @ Frontier-North Star Conference Challenge - 1:00 PM  
Lights Football @ Eastern Oregon University - 2:00 PM



## (#419) Northern Trivia #1 – Answers

Here are the answers to last week's (September 27th, 2024, issue) Northern Trivia #1 contest. Unfortunately, we had no one who submitted all 10 correct answers

1. Which Northern Alumni started the Volleyball program at Havre High School!
  - **Current Northern Skilight Volleyball Coach, Jerry Wagner**
2. Who was Northern's first AutoCAD Instructor?
  - **Current MSU-Northern Chancellor, Mr. Greg Kegel was the first AutoCAD instructor during Fall quarter of 1986.**
3. What Chancellor left Northern to become the President of Central Michigan University
  - **Current Virginia Commonwealth University Michael Rao came to Northern in 1998 and left in 2000 to become the President of CMU.**
4. Before it was KNMC, the college radio station was KNOG, what were the call letters prior to KNOG?
  - **KNES – Northern's radio station began as Northern Educational Service in May of 1954 as KNES AM 700.**



5. Last week at the Scholarship Awards convocation, how many students earned the 410 scholarships?
  - **269 students earned nearly \$424,000.00 scholarship dollars.**
6. From the attached picture, can you identify what vehicle the license plate is on!
  - **This license plate is that of the Goose. See attached picture.**
7. What local service organization donated the pedestal clock tower that is in the center courtyard?
  - **The Havre Rotary Club donated the Rotary Clock Tower in 2008.**
8. What year was the last Northerner (yearbook) published?
  - **2007. If you want to view the Northerner from 1953 – 2007, go to the Vande Bogart Library section on the Northern Web site <https://www.msun.edu/library/>**
9. What Northern Alumni appeared in the following movies *The Bodyguard*, *Air Bud*, *Trading Places*, *The Color of Money*, *Night at the Museum* among many other films?
  - **While working at the Radar Base North of Havre, Bill Cobbs also attended Northern and played football for the NMC Lights.**
10. What Northern Alumni was on the Michigan State University Basketball Team coaching staff when they won the 1979 NCAA National Championship! This was Magic Johnson's team that beat Larry Bird and Indiana State University!
  - **Northern Alumni Fred Paulsen was on the Michigan State University men's basketball coaching staff. Later Fred was the head coach at Huron University during their NAIA powerhouse years.**

Be on the lookout for future contests! If you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)

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