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Northern Network News

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Homecoming Activities

Northern Enjoys the 2nd Annual “Lighting of the N”



This year, MSU-Northern kicked off its Homecoming events with the 2nd annual “Lighting of the N”. The “N” in front of historic Donaldson Hall is lit every year as a sign of Northern’s “glowing” school pride and a reminder of the school’s historical heritage. People who attended the event enjoyed some cookies, hot chocolate and hot apple cider.

Powderpuff Football Joins Homecoming Activities



Some of MSU-Northern's top female athletes came together during Homecoming week to participate in a fun powderpuff football game held on Tilleman Field. Powderpuff football started in early 1931 and got its name from the powder puff material used for the application of cosmetic face powder. It is traditionally played between women and follows flag or touch football rules, not tackle. The games are a tradition at many universities and usually occur during the week before the big homecoming game.

MSU-Northern Crowns Royal Lights



Congratulations 2023 Homecoming Royal Lights (L to R) Anonda Goes Ahead, Olivia Isakson, Alyssa Bodoh, and Rogan Barnwell (not pictured)

Homecoming Competitions

Residence Hall Decorations

Morgan Hall won the Residence Hall competition and the 700 floor took first place for the best decorated floor. Every floor participated in the competition and were all very creative!



Office Decorations

- SUB Info Desk - Best Office Decoration
- Office of Diversity – Best Door Decorations

“N” Decorations

- Manufacturing received first place for the best “N” Contest

Info Sessions Begin



The MSU-Northern Career Center kicked off its first info session of the year, hosting a session with Wabtec on October 4th. Info sessions provide companies who visit campus a platform to talk with students and inform them about what their company does. These sessions supply students with a great way to have their questions answered about what it might look like to work with a company without having to make any commitments. During the sessions, host companies often share their history, exciting projects they have completed or that may be in the works, and job or internship opportunities that are available.

The next info session will be hosted by T&E on October 18th, followed by another session hosted by Modern Machinery on November 6th.

Independence Bank Donates Spirit Card Proceeds



This year Independence Bank donated \$6,627.10 to the Northern Alumni Foundation through their School Spirit Debit Card program. Independence Bank offers a Northern Alumni Foundation debit card to their checking account holders. For each transaction the cardholder makes with their Northern debit card, Independence Bank donates 5¢ to the Northern Alumni Foundation. They are proud supporters of MSU-Northern and this is just one way they show their school spirit! This donation represents one year of transactions. For more information on their School Spirit Debit Card program, please visit your local IB branch or find them online at ibyourbank.com.

Northwest Accreditation Team Visits Campus



MSU-Northern welcomes the accreditation team from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) to the campus. They are conducting their year seven review which is focused on assessment and mission fulfillment. During their visit they will meet with MSU-Northern's Core Executive team, most of the campus committees, and conduct forums with students, staff, and faculty. After their visit, they will compare their observations against our self-study and tell us where we met our objectives and where we have room to improve.

MSU-Northern has been accredited by NWCCU since 1932. Regional accreditation is an important part of the education process as it affirms the quality of our education and makes it possible for MSU-Northern to access Title IV federal funds to support teaching, research, and student financial aid.

Two Students Receive Women of Wabtec Scholarships



Wabtec was on campus this year to host a meet-and-greet and award two scholarships to female diesel students as part of its “Women of Wabtec” initiative. Last year, Wabtec created the “Women of Wabtec” scholarship for female MSU-Northern students who are currently enrolled in the diesel technology program, are in good academic standing, and are involved with their community. Makena Silvey, a diesel technology student who finished her final semester at Northern in fall of 2022, was the first recipient of the scholarship. This year, the scholarship is being given to Grace Loose and Brailynn DeMers. They will each receive a full-ride \$15K/year for all four years they attend MSU-Northern (\$60,000 total value). Wabtec is truly setting the bar for other companies to emulate when it comes to helping with student scholarships.

“Lend Me a Tenor” Opens Tonight



Join us for an unforgettable evening as we transport you to the high-stakes world of opera, where a missing tenor sets off a chain reaction of zany events that will keep you guessing until the final curtain. Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world-famous singer Tito Merelli, known as Il Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only as the star of the opera. Tito arrives late, and through a hilarious series of mishaps, he is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant Max believe he's dead – and in a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders persuades Max to get into Merelli's costume and fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds and lives up to his idol, but Merelli regains consciousness and gets into the identical costume, ready to perform. Now two opera singers are running around in the same costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo. Lend Me a Tenor promises an unforgettable night of side-splitting entertainment that will have you talking about it long after the show ends.

[Click here for Tickets...](#)

Display Celebrates Montana 4-H Greytak Calendar Partnership



Pictured: (L to R) Carina Purkett, Don Greytak & Tom Welch with Hill County 4-H members, Gunner Velk, Austin Velk

A large display featuring many years of the Montana 4-H Greytak calendar has recently been hung in the 4-H Chuckwagon building located on the Great Northern Fairgrounds in Havre. The display was unveiled to the public at the annual Hill County 4-H Awards Night on October 1st.

Local pencil artist Don Greytak and Montana 4-H have had a calendar partnership since 1992. The idea for the calendar was originated by Tom Welch when he was an agricultural educator at Northern Montana College, now Montana State University-Northern. Since then, Greytak has provided 13 pencil drawings for each calendar which totals 416 individual images plus 13 more for the upcoming 2024 calendar!

The display at the Chuckwagon building is to celebrate and showcase this remarkable partnership between Montana 4-H and Havre artist Don Greytak.

MSU-Northern Joins Festival Days Parade



On Saturday, Sept. 16, MSU-Northern polished up the Goose, gathered the athletic teams and clubs, put on maroon and gold swag, and bought as much candy as possible to participate in this year's Festival Days Parade. Havre's annual Festival Days celebration has become a fitting conclusion to summer for the past 43 years. The weekend also hosted a 48-hour softball tournament, a book sale, a quilt show, a burger feed, a concert, a car show, a craft show, a pancake breakfast and much more.

Northern Hosted 2nd Bear Paw Beast Fun Run



MSU-Northern helped the Havre community close out another excellent Festival Days celebration with their second annual Bear Paw Beast Fun Run.

The event helps to share our beautiful campus with community members and promotes physical exercise.

Death by Chocolate Packs the “Ship”



Montana Actors Theatre (MAT) hosted its 15th annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser. Over 300 people attended the event with another 80 volunteers behind the scenes running things. MAT was able to raise just over \$91,000 which will help them produce the various shows that they are planning to present this year. The theme for this year's fundraiser was “The Like You Very Much Ship”, a play built on the old TV show “The Love Boat”. The ship's band provided the entertainment and consisted of Corey Kopp, Joey Todd, Grant Olson and Giuseppe Cortese.

MSU-Northern Hosted Two Back-to-Back Rodeos



MSU-Northern rodeo teams hosted a pair of rodeos at the Great Northern Fairgrounds in Havre. In the first rodeo, the MSU-Northern women's team finished first with 420 total points while the MSU-Northern men's team took third with 340 total points. Then in the second rodeo, the Skylights took second with 320 total points while the Lights finished third with 510 total points. Good job rodeo team, you make Northern proud!

[Read more...](#)

Counting Coup Returns to MSU-Northern



Back by popular demand was the Billing's based band Counting Coup. They are a western-blues-folk-rock group consisting of front man, Troy Falcon (bass/guitar/vocals), along with Toby Falcon (guitar/vocals), and Brenden Fritzler (harmonica). The opening acts for this concert were a series of native songs and dances by local artists.

Foundation Receives \$25K for the Tony Bryant Endowment



Randall Bryant and Anton (Tony) Bryant Jr. visited Northern on September 15th to present a \$25,000 check to add to their father's scholarship endowment. Anton (Tony) Bryant Sr. was a Northern alumnus (Class of 1941) who majored in elementary education, and was selected as a Founder's Excellence Award winner in 1984. In one of his many contributions to Northern, Tony established funding to help students afford an education using loaned funds. After his passing, Tony's daughter, Opal (Bryant) Bang, established the fund as a memorial scholarship endowment, to help fund an elementary education student scholarship in perpetuity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MSU-Northern Fall 2023 Career Fair – Oct 11



Wednesday, October 11th Armory Gym 9 am – 12 noon

Thank you to our Sponsors:

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With 64 employers currently registered, this is the largest Career Fair we have ever had!

The Career Center reminds students and alumni to attend the Fall 2023 Career Fair on Wednesday, 10/11/23. Stop by the Gym between 9 am – 12 noon to network with potential employers, learn about job opportunities and share your resume.

How to prepare and what to expect:

- Log into your Career Express account today to review which employers are attending and their plans for interviews after the Fair.
- Use Career Express to research companies and their open positions.
- Come to the Fair with your questions. Employers are eager to connect with you.
- Have your resume polished up and ready to hand out.
- Some companies will be interviewing after the Career Fair. Sign up ahead of time on Career Express or directly with employers at the Career Fair.
- Dress appropriately – particularly if you plan to interview with a company after the Fair. Make your first impression a good one!
- Remember, many of these companies have traveled a long way to be here in Havre and they are eager to visit with you. Please take the time to stop by each table.

TekNoXpo and ShowCASE – Oct. 12

TekNoXpo & ShowCASE are a series of short training sessions designed to introduce high school students to all that MSU-Northern has to offer in academics, ranging from graphic design projects, to diesel equipment operation, to working with simulated humans in the nursing lab, this event is very hands-on!

2023-2024 Montana Actors Theatre Season

Mark your calendar for an exciting year of drama and music

- Lend me a Tenor – October 6-7, 12-14, 19-21
- Newsies – Musical with the Havre High School - November
- Puss in Boots Christmas Panto - December 8-10, 14-17, & 21-24
- Hill Country Revue - January 19-20, 25-27, and February 1-3
- The Queen of Hill County – Dinner Theatre - March and April
- Outside Mullingar - April 5-6, 11-13, 18-20
- The Imaginary Invalid - June 7-9

CALENDAR

Friday, October 06

- 23rd Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree

- MSUN Cross Country @ MSU-Billings
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Visit
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 07

- 23rd Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree
- Lights Football vs Eastern Oregon University - 1:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Rocky Mountain College - 6:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 08

- 23rd Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree

Wednesday, October 11

- Fall 2023 Career Fair - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 12

- TekNoXpo & ShowCASE - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Friday, October 13

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 75% Due
- Mid Term Grades Due by End of Day
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 14

- Lights Football @ The College of Idaho - 1:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 18

- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 19

- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Friday, October 20

- Spring 2024 Graduation Applications Due
- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Western - 7:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 21

- Lights Football vs Southern Oregon University - 1:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

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By: William Lanier

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Homecoming 1937 and 1999

This past weekend at MSU-Northern was Homecoming. Did you know that the very first NMC Homecoming was held in June? Did you know that in 1999 Northern had not one, but two Homecomings?

"The Havre Daily News" reported in the Friday morning, June 4, 1937, edition, that the first annual Northern Montana College Homecoming would be held the next day on June 5th. This was scheduled to coincide with Commencement that was held on June 8, 1937.

NMC HOMECOMING OBSERVANCE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Tomorrow, Northern Montana college will observe its first annual Homecoming, when former students and alumni will meet with the present students in a reunion which includes many major events. From advance acceptances of invitations and reservations for the banquet an attendance of former students and alumni of close to 175 is anticipated.

The program for the Homecoming day will include the following:

9 a. m., faculty breakfast for members of the 1937 graduating class of Northern Montana college, to be served in the dining room of the Women's residence hall.

1 p. m. registration for alumni and former students, at East hall.

2 p. m. baseball game, Northern Montana college vs. Northern Montana college alumni and faculty, at the Legion baseball park.

4 p. m., Open House for alumni and former students, sponsored by the organized clubs of the college, at East hall.

6 p. m., Homecoming banquet, dining room, Women's residence hall.

8:30 p. m., N. M. C. Broadcast of 1937, sponsored by the student cabinet, high school auditorium.

9:30 p. m., Homecoming dance, high school gymnasium.

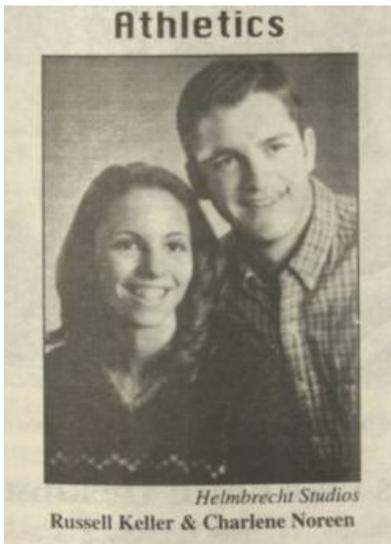
About 150 reservations have been made for the Homecoming banquet.

A number of the returning students plan to remain for the baccalaureate service Sunday at 11 a. m.; and still others will stay over for commencement on June 8, when the commencement speaker will be Dr. Malcolm C. MacLean, director of the General college, University of Minnesota.

"The Havre Daily News"
Friday morning, June 4, 1937

In 1999 Montana State University-Northern actually had two Homecomings. This occurred because prior to the re-introduction of football and Northern Homecoming was held in February in conjunction with Basketball.

Going back to February of 1999, King and Queen were Russell Keller and Charlene (Noreen) Wasson. They represented Athletics.

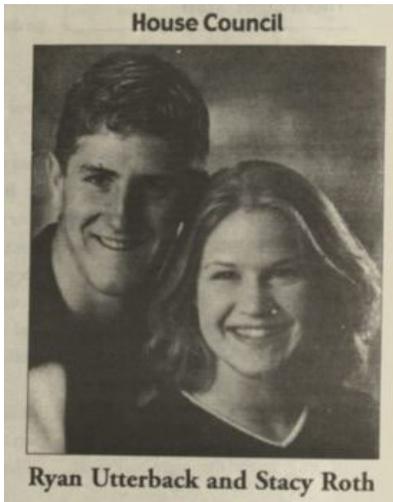


February 10, 1999, NoMoCo

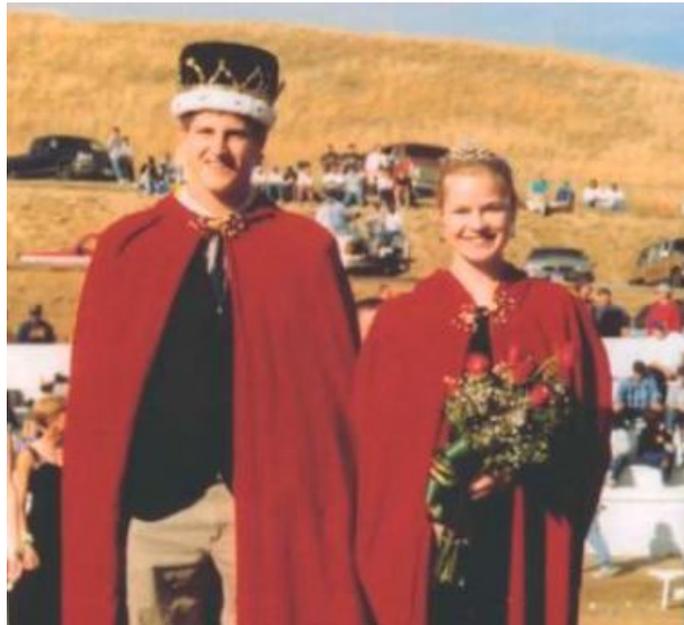


1999 Northerner (yearbook)

Then eight months later on October 23, 1999 Ryan Utterback and Stacy (Roth) Utterback were named King and Queen. They represented House Council.



October 20, 1999, NoMoCo



2000 Northerner (Yearbook)

At one time, Northern only had homecoming queens! Do you know when the Student Senate began having a king and queen? Let me know what year was the last year Northern only had a queen.

Hope you enjoyed traveling back in time to revisit a couple of Northern Homecomings from the past. Have a great weekend. if you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com .

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