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## Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - August 30, 2024

### Havre National Night Out at MSU-Northern



On the evening of August 27, 2024, Havre hosted its annual National Night Out, a community event that brought together families and local law enforcement for a night of camaraderie and fun. The event kicked off at 6:00 PM on the East Lawn of the Student Union Building where attendees were treated to a free barbecue, courtesy of the Havre Lions Club. The air was filled with the sound of live music from local Havre band Blind Luck, adding to the festive atmosphere. As the evening unfolded, families and youth had the

opportunity to engage in various activities, including riding on a miniature train from BNSF, looking at classic cars, and viewing other items on display from the Army National Guard.

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## **MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Starts Working on an Outstanding Musical Lineup**



The orchestra began their weekly practice sessions which take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the band room in Pershing Hall. If you play an instrument and are interested in joining, there is still time to do so. Students can even enroll in a 1-credit orchestra course.

The group will put on a jazz concert in the fall semester, and will become the pit orchestra for the Havre High School and Montana Actor's Theatre joint production of *Oliver* in the spring semester.

Meanwhile, a small ensemble from the orchestra is set to take the stage as the dance band for the upcoming Death by Chocolate fundraiser, benefiting the Montana Actor's Theatre. This year's theme, "Speakeasy in the Big Easy," promises an evening of lively music and fun. The event is part of MAT's Annual Sponsorship Drive and Gala of Friends, which will be held at St. Jude's Gymnasium on September 28, 2024.

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## Get Involved... Join a Student Club or Organization



Joining a club is one of the best ways to get involved at MSU-Northern. Below is a list of current active clubs on campus. If you don't see a club listed for an activity or interest you have, create one! Anyone can create a campus club, so form a club and share your interests with your fellow students.

**Actors of Collaborative Theatre (ACT):** If you're interested in drama and theatre, the ACT club is for you. Join likeminded students and help put on theatre shows right here on campus. Contact Grant Olson at [grant.olson2@msun.edu](mailto:grant.olson2@msun.edu) for more information.

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)** AAUW is a national club that has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881.

For more information contact Dr. Valerie Guyant at [valerie.guyant@msun.edu](mailto:valerie.guyant@msun.edu)

**Art Club:** The Art Club brings art and culture to the community, campus and general public through public art projects, events and performances, displays and art shows.

Contact Mary Ward at [mary.ward@msun.edu](mailto:mary.ward@msun.edu) for more information.

**Audio & Electronics Club:** This club is intended to educate members on various audio & electronic technical aspects. Club projects can include designing and building your own speaker cabinets.

Contact Aaron Riggan at [aaron.riggan@msun.edu](mailto:aaron.riggan@msun.edu) for more information.

**Business Professionals of America (BPA):** An international non-profit organization that brings together student, academic and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action.

Contact Kenny Wait at [kenneth.wait@msun.edu](mailto:kenneth.wait@msun.edu) for more information.

**ChiAlpha:** A non-denominational Christian club. The focus of the group is on Christian fellowship and the Christian viewpoint in topics of interest. Contact Gary Garland at [gagarland@msun.edu](mailto:gagarland@msun.edu) for more information.

**Civil Engineering Technology (CET):** A club for MSU-Northern students majoring or interested in Civil Engineering Technology. For more information, contact Jeremy Siemens at [jsiemens@msun.edu](mailto:jsiemens@msun.edu).

**Collegiate Stockgrowers:** A committee within the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) designed to develop collegiate students into tomorrow's leaders. For more information, contact Karyn Billmayer at [karyn.billmayer@msun.edu](mailto:karyn.billmayer@msun.edu)

**D&D:** The MSUN D&D Club is a student club that helps organize tabletop gaming across campus involving students, staff, faculty, and some community members. The club welcomes all skill levels and time commitments. If you like board games and Dungeons and Dragons than this club is for you. For more information, contact Casey Donovan at [casey.donoven@msun.edu](mailto:casey.donoven@msun.edu)

**Healthy Living Advocates (HLA)** The club's purpose is to implement educational efforts related to promoting health and improve the health of students at MSU-Northern. For more information, contact Wanda Meredith at [wanda.meredith@msun.edu](mailto:wanda.meredith@msun.edu).

**KNMC:** The KNMC club supports activities of the radio station on campus. Become an on-air DJ for the radio station, learn about music, and collaborate with other likeminded students. For more information, email us at [knmc@msun.edu](mailto:knmc@msun.edu).

**Northern Night Sky Association (NNSA):** The mission of the Northern Night Sky Association is to provide Northern students and the Havre community an opportunity to view and appreciate the night sky. For more information, contact Grant Bowker at [grant.bowker@msun.edu](mailto:grant.bowker@msun.edu).

**Nursing Club:** The Nursing Club organizes and oversees nursing club activities and events. It also offers nursing students an opportunity to gather and exchange ideas. For more information, contact Jenni Pula at [jennifer.pula@msun.edu](mailto:jennifer.pula@msun.edu).

**Post-secondary Ag Students (PAS):** PAS is a club for those interested in agriculture and natural resources. The PAS Club is affiliated with the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization. For more information, contact Karyn Billmayer at [karyn.billmayer@msun.edu](mailto:karyn.billmayer@msun.edu)

**Rodeo Club:** The Rodeo Club is for anyone interested in organizing and working a rodeo and participating in activities to support the club and the team. For more information, contact Doug Kallenberger at [douglas.kallenberger@msun.edu](mailto:douglas.kallenberger@msun.edu).

**Student Education Association (MSU–Northern SEA):** The purpose of SEA is to inform students regarding educational matters and provide personal and professional growth to its members.

For more information, contact Jennifer Anderson at [jennifer.anderson32@msun.edu](mailto:jennifer.anderson32@msun.edu).

**Residence Hall Association (RHA):** A club to discuss and vote on issues which affect the quality of life for students residing in residence halls. Anyone is welcome to attend the weekly meeting.

For more information, contact Taryn Wallon at [taryn.wallon@msun.edu](mailto:taryn.wallon@msun.edu).

**SkillsUSA:** This club develops leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational, and social activities.

For more information, contact Jason Geer at [jason.geer@msun.edu](mailto:jason.geer@msun.edu).

**Student Family Association (SFA):** A student organization made up of families and individuals that live in the Student Family Housing units on campus. The goal of the association is to provide the best possible living arrangements for those students living on campus.

For more information, contact Taryn Wallon at [taryn.wallon@msun.edu](mailto:taryn.wallon@msun.edu).

**Sweetgrass Society:** Assists Native American students in their adjustment to college life, promotes better scholarship through group encouragement and supervision, and encourages other students to attend college. For more information, visit our [webpage](#).

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## Student Spotlight – Theron Peterson



Theron Peterson, a Civil Engineering Technology student, spent his summer interning with the Montana Department of Transportation. Based primarily in Havre, Montana, Theron had the opportunity to work with the local engineers on several highway projects in the surrounding area.

Theron was responsible for quality assurance on various road projects, including tracking yields and collecting core samples for paving. He also took samples of oil and chips for chip sealing, inspected the removal of delaminated concrete on bridge decks, and performed nuclear density and concrete testing. He also assisted with staking and surveying for current projects in

locations like Harlem, Ruyard, Fort Benton, and Chester.

Theron enjoyed the opportunity for hands-on experience and training from the MDT Engineering staff. "Being able to work on the jobsite and see how what I'm learning in the classroom is implemented in real life is awesome," he said. "The MDT engineers have been great to work with and I have learned a lot from them this summer."

[Click here to learn more about the MSU Northern Civil Engineering Technology program...](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Labor Day – No Classes and Offices are Closed**

This Monday, September 2

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### **Pure Gold Nominations**

Pure Gold is accepting nominations for the fall semester.

<https://www.montana.edu/puregold/>

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### **Join the MSU-Northern Community Choir**

The MSUN Community Choir will begin practice on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in room 208 (the choir room) in Pershing Hall. The choir works on a number of different pieces in preparation for their final concerts including the Pianos and Pipes in December. Students may enroll in the 1 credit choir course if interested.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **National College Colors Day – Aug. 30**

On the Friday before Labor Day, National College Colors Day encourages everyone to display their team spirit. Across the United States students, parents, family, fans, and alumni will be wearing their team colors. Be sure you're celebrating by wearing your college team's colors and apparel.

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## 2024 Battle of the BEAST TREAT – Sept. 22

Calling all Havre Area Food and Drink Establishments!! The Havre Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with MSU-Northern, is excited to announce the 2024 Battle of the BEAST TREAT competition in conjunction with the 2024 Beast Run!! This competition includes the most BEASTLY desserts, drinks, or baked goods! Please register at: <https://forms.gle/Wq7HY6PvXaxadb5SA> to participate! All registrations must be received by end of day Tuesday 9/3/2024, so don't wait!

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## AI Workshop Series for Students – Sept. 26, Oct 3, 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., Sept. 26, 2-3pm - Session 1: Exploring AI in Education

Thur., Oct. 3, 2-3pm - Session 2: Mastering Power Prompting for Effective AI Use in Education

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

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## CALENDAR

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### Thursday, August 29

- Skylights Volleyball @ QUAZ Volleyball Tournament 12:00 PM

### Friday, August 30

- Skylights Volleyball @ QUAZ Volleyball Tournament 10:00 AM
- ASMSUN INTRAMURALS & REC NIGHT: Faculty/Staff vs. Students, details time & location TBD
- Backyard Storytellers: An acoustic summer concert series, tonight's artist - Christy Hays, @Spruce & Steel Music, *ticket link on* 6:30pm,
- Handmade Bookbinding Class w/ MSUN Professors Barb Zuck & Amy Smith, Havre-Hill County Library, 402 3rd Street, *RSVP 406-265-2123* 12-2 pm,



## Saturday, August 31

- Saturday Market, Town Square (322 1st Street) 8 AM-12 noon

## Monday, Sept. 2

- LABOR DAY, NO CLASSES, OFFICES CLOSED

## Thursday, Sept.5

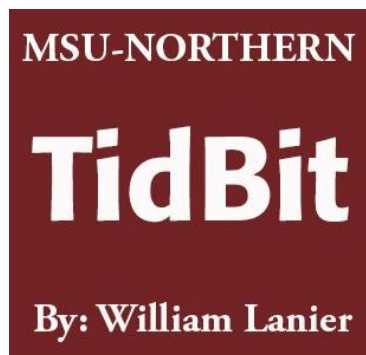
- SKYLIGHTS VB vs MEDICINE HAT (scrimmage), 12noon

## Friday, Sept. 6

- PLANT BINGO, Yellow Tin Cup Creative Studio, 336 2nd St, 6 pm, \$15/person, win plant stakes, plants & plant sign kit

## Saturday, Sept. 7

- AFTER HARVEST JAM, 10975 River Road, 1pm, outdoor jam session, food trucks, arts & crafts vendors 406.394.2245 for info
- DROOL IN THE POOL, Chinook City Pool, 5-8pm, \$10/dog (pronto pups, root beer floats, microchipping, dog agility course, dog food drive, PAWS adoption event, Lego Dog fundraiser)



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**World Champion – Marc DeLong**



Earlier this month, Northern Alumni Marc DeLong of Kalispell competed at the World Taxidermy Competition in Coralville Iowa. Marc who is the owner of 4Z Taxidermy in Kalispell entered the Professional Division. He stated that there were around 700 pieces in the World competition. At the conclusion of the competition, Marc walked away with winning Best All-Around Taxidermist in



the World Professional Division. This was his first competition since 2007. Marc came to Northern in 1991 and graduated with bachelor's degree in Drafting Technology and a minor in Civil Technology. Congratulations Marc! 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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