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Royal Lights Crowned During Homecoming Game



MSU-Northern's Homecoming was held last week, and the highlight was the football game on Saturday at Tilleman Field, where the Northern Lights faced off against the UM-Western Bulldogs. During halftime, the 2024 Homecoming "Royal Lights" were announced. This honor recognizes students who embody leadership, involvement, and dedication to campus life. Nominees, introduced to the crowd and escorted to midfield, included outstanding students from diverse academic backgrounds and interests.

Vice Chancellor Jennifer Brown, city council member Josh Gomez, and two past Homecoming royalty members Eric and Ristina Wilting crowned this year's winners. The 2024 Royal Lights were: Aiden Perkins, Kaiya Doney, Bridger Beach, and Elaine Reed.

After the game, the week concluded with a Halloween-themed Homecoming dance in the SUB Ballroom, offering students a final chance to celebrate the week's events. MSU-Northern would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this week a success.

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Student Enjoyed Ultimate Frisbee and BBQ



Last Friday (Nov. 1), a community Ultimate Frisbee game was held at Tilleman Field, followed by a BBQ hosted by ASMSUN and the MSUN Alumni Foundation for all participants and spectators.

MSUN Hosts a Softball Game



On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, MSU-Northern held its inaugural softball game with two teams composed of current Northern staff, faculty, and students at Memorial Field in Havre. The event was free, and attendees brought their A-game and

enjoyed a fun potluck lunch with the Northern community. After the game, attendees clamored about how fun the event was and expressed their hope to see it mark the start of a new tradition at Northern. It was truly a game to remember!

Halloween Decoration and Costume Contest Winners Announced



Last week, the Northern Foundation staff had the pleasure of admiring and judging the incredible department decorations across campus. After careful consideration, the winners were determined to be:

- **1st Place: Student Affairs – “Wonderland”**
- **2nd Place: Valerie Guyant – “Halloween Hall”**
- **3rd Place: Hagener Science Center – “Last Chance Science Facilities”**

The Foundation also gave an Honorable Mention to the Library for their fantastic efforts!

The winners of the Halloween Costume Contest were:

- **1st Place for Students: Runaway Patient (Sean Overbaugh & Rylee Gilkey)**

- **1st Place for Staff/Faculty: Alice in Wonderland (Amber Spring, Taryn Wallon, Sue Solomon, Krystal Steinmetz, and R.A. Cannan Smith)**

Thank you to everyone who participated—the campus decorations and costumes were outstanding!

SSS Celebrates National First-Generation Day



National First-Generation Day is celebrated on November 8th of each year to promote the visibility of first-generation college students, faculty, and staff by recognizing their contributions and strength of character. This day acknowledges the determination and potential of first-generation college students in the educational landscape and was launched in 2017 by the Council of Opportunity for Education and the Center for First-Generation Student Success. In addition, the day honors the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of

1965. Students are considered first-generation if their parents did not graduate from college with a bachelor's degree. First generation college students make up one third of all college students and represent 41.5 % of degree seeking students at Northern.

Student Support Services (SSS), a TRiO program sponsored by Montana State University-Northern, has an event planned on November 7th and 8th which will include treats and t-shirts. SSS is located in Cowan Hall on the Northern Campus and has been making a difference in the lives of students since 1972. Student Support Services is a grant-funded program that aims to help MSU-Northern students achieve and maintain good academic standing and graduate on time with a bachelor's degree.

Two hundred and forty students can be enrolled in the program. Major components of the program include Academic Advising and Assistance in Course Selection, Early Interventions, Academic Tutoring, Academic Study Skills, Access to Technology and Textbooks, Career Development and Exploration, Financial Aid and Literacy Counseling, Securing Housing, Leadership Development and Engagement, and Grant Aid Awards. SSS staff offer both space and services for enrolled students.

Cross-Country Team Goes Vintage to Help with Trunk or Treat



Last Thursday the campus celebrated Halloween with the annual Trunk or Treat event. Each club or sport team had a booth at the carnival held in the SUB Ballroom. Most of the helpers dressed up in honor of Halloween. This year the cross-country team raided the archives and dressed up in vintage NMC track gear and wore these historic costumes while they working the event.

Education Course Receives Quality Matters Certification



Dr. Amy L. Smith's Introduction to Education with Field Experience course earned the Quality Matters (QM) Certification Mark following a rigorous review process. The QM Certification Mark is the internationally recognized symbol of online and blended course design quality and represents Dr. Smith's ongoing commitment to creating learning environments that provide learners with a clear pathway to success.

The certification is the result of Dr. Smith's dedication to continuous improvement, including the innovative work of Brittany Garden, Educational Developer and Instructional Designer in the Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence. The course is now listed on the [QM directory of certified courses](#).

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Faculty Spotlight – Kevin Holzworth

Faculty member Kevin Holzworth is going above and beyond to recruit future students for MSU-Northern. On October 14, 2024, Kevin traveled to Sentinel High School in Missoula, the only high school in the area offering automotive classes, where students from other local schools, Hellgate and Big Sky, also attend. Kevin joined Sentinel's automotive faculty, Brian Boot and Leah Philbert, to speak to three levels of automotive classes. He connected with the students by giving a presentation about MSU-Northern and Havre, sparking interest with fun automotive trivia, and exchanging Northern swag for student information cards.



By the end of his visit, Kevin had collected 84 student information cards, with 12 students expressing strong interest in pursuing automotive education at Northern. Kevin was excited to share these results with Chancellor Kegel, who was thrilled with the turnout and expressed support for continued, program-specific recruiting.

Students Make Moccasins in Honor of National Native American & Indigenous Peoples Month



Last month, several Northern students took part in a series of Moccasin Making Workshops conducted by the Little River Institute (LRI). Now LRI is planning to be part of Rock Your Mocs, a worldwide Native American & Indigenous Peoples social media unity event held annually and during National

Native American Heritage Month. People wear their moccasins wherever their day takes them and many take a photo, or create a video/story, and upload to social media with the hashtag #rockyourmocs. This creates an online photo album for the world to see and enjoy while simultaneously uniting Native American & Indigenous Peoples through their unique, and collective, tribal culture and heritage. Additionally, individuals, organizations, casinos, schools, museums and tribes are taking the initiative to create their own independent events, both cultural and contemporary, throughout the world. Contact Ashley Birdtail if you would like to be part of the next moccasin making session.

MAT Presents: Women of Rock Tribute Concert



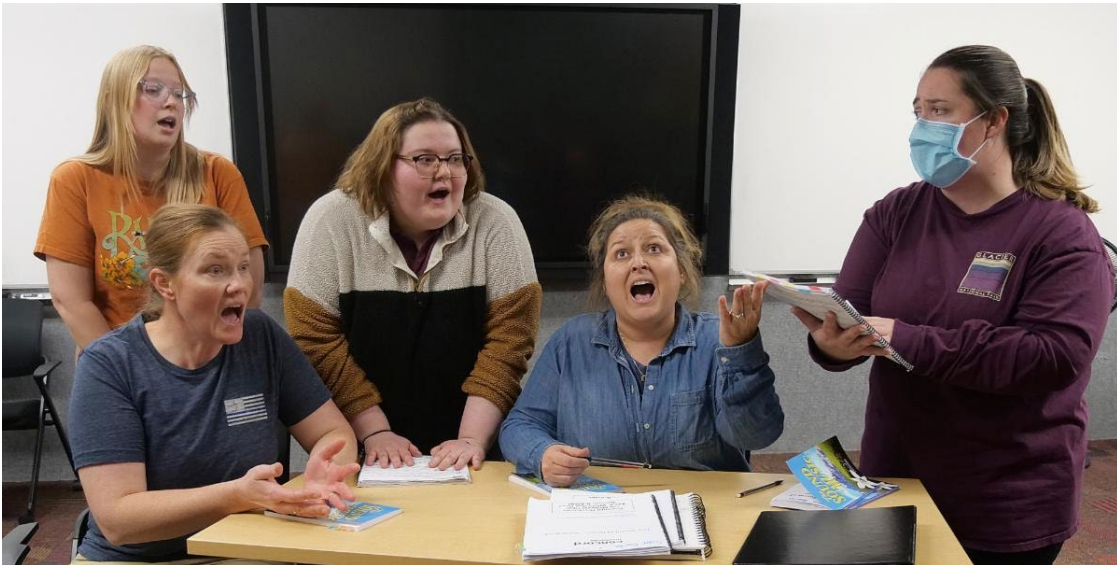
Come this weekend, (Nov.8-9) for an unforgettable evening as talented local musicians celebrate the legendary women who defined rock 'n' roll, paying tribute to icons like Stevie Nicks/Fleetwood Mac, Alanis Morissette, Tina Turner, Heart, and Blondie!

Admission:

- **Advance Tickets (available online or from our ticket agents): \$25 for all seats**
- **At the Door: \$30 for all seats**
- **MSUN/MAT Faculty, Staff, and Students: \$10**

[Click here for tickets](#)

Rehearsals are Underway for the Upcoming Live Production of *The Sound of Music*



The Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to bring to the stage Rodgers & Hammerstein's most beloved musical, *The Sound of Music*. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and more. *The Sound of Music* won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. MAT's talented cast and crew have been rehearsing for weeks learning the songs, memorizing lines, and building sets and costumes for their December production of the *Sound of Music*. The show opens December 6 and will run for three weekends. Seating is limited so get your ticket today.

[Click here for tickets](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 11, 2024
Holiday ~ Veterans Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

Positions Available at MSU-Northern

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

- Instructor/Assistant Professor - Agriculture Faculty (Tenure Track)
- Career Center Coordinator

- Recruiting Specialist
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology
- Assistant Professor of Psychology, tenure-track
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Counselor Education, tenure track
- Culinary Professional/Cook

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAT Season Schedule

Women of Rock Tribute Concert – Nov. 8, 9

Sound of Music – Dec.6,7,13,14, 19-21

Hill Country Revue Too – Feb 7,8,14,15

Oliver – March 27-29, April 3-5

The Prisoner of second Avenue – Apr. 18,19, 24-26, May 1-3

William Shakespeare's The Tempest – June 20-22

[Click here for ticket information...](#)

National Native American Heritage Month Schedule

National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Island communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation.

Workshop Series on Culturally Responsive Leadership and Mentorship

Next week, the Little River Institute will host two workshops designed to develop leadership and mentorship skills with a focus on culturally responsive practices. These sessions are open to all MSUN students, and students are encouraged to add them to their resumes.

The Sweetgrass Teachings: Grounding Leadership Theory in Indigenous Cultures

November 12th - 4 PM - Sweetgrass Commons (Little River Institute)

Facilitator: Dr. Randy Bachmeier

Explore traditional Indigenous teachings and how they intersect with modern leadership principles in academic settings.

What's in a Mentor?: An Intro to the Cosmos of Native American Peer Mentorship in Colleges!

November 14th - 4 PM - Sweetgrass Commons (Little River Institute)

Facilitator: Dr. Alex Kemp

Gain insights into Native American peer mentorship practices and their impact within college environments.

Ongoing Activities at the Little River Institute

Beadwork Workshops

Tabias Melendrez, Sweetgrass Society President and Little River Institute Peer Mentor, hosts beadwork workshops every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 PM in the Sweetgrass Commons (top floor of the SUB). Materials are provided, and all skill levels are welcome. Students can bring their own projects or start something new!

Sweetgrass Society Meetings

The Sweetgrass Society holds regular meetings every other Monday at 4 PM in Sweetgrass Commons. The next meetings are on November 4th and November 18th.

Special Events

Rock Your Mocs Week (November 10-16)

Celebrate Native American culture by wearing moccasins during Rock Your Mocs Week. All students and staff are encouraged to participate in this week-long event.

For any additional questions or information about these events, feel free to reach out to the Little River Institute.

Veteran's Day Appreciation Lunch – Nov. 12

Veterans and their family members are invited to a Veterans' Lunch on Tuesday, November 12th from 11:00am to 1:00pm on the MSU-Northern Campus in Cowan Hall 321 (Veterans' Lounge). Please stop in and attend as your schedule allows. Thank you so very much for your service! You are appreciated!

International Game Night – Nov. 13

Date/Time/Location: Wed., Nov. 13, 6-8:30PM in the Vande Bogart Library

November is International Games Month! The MSUN D&D Club presents a special Game Night focused on games from around the world. Join the fun from 6-8:30PM on November 13 and feel free to bring your favorite tabletop game from anywhere to share. International Games Month is an initiative of the

American Library Association's Games and Gaming Round Table, and the MSUN Vande Bogart Library is pleased to co-host this event with the Havre-Hill County Library.

Orchestra Concert – Nov. 14



MSU-Northern Community Orchestra is pleased to invite the campus and community to an evening of jazz with their upcoming concert, *Jazz Connections: Where Styles Converge*. Join us on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 pm in the Little Theatre for a captivating musical experience. This special event will feature a variety of jazz styles, promising an enjoyable night for all ages. The program includes beloved jazz standards such as *All of Me*, *I'm Getting Sentimental Over You*, *My Funny Valentine*, *Puttin' On the Ritz*, *Route 66*, *Stormy Weather*, *What the World Needs Now*, *I Just Called to Say I Love You*, and more.

The concert will showcase talented vocalists Kristi Peterson, Jeffrey Patterson, Marcus Jochim, and Mike Bober, who will bring these timeless songs to life under the direction of Rhonda Minnick.

Board Game Night at the Library – 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!

D&D One-Shot Adventure at the Library – Dec. 8

Calling all adventurers! The University D&D Club invites you to dive into a thrilling Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot at the Vande Bogart Library on Dec. 8 from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. This event is perfect for both seasoned heroes and newcomers eager to embark on their first quest. Step into a world of magic, mystery, and monsters as you join fellow players for an epic, self-contained adventure. Characters, dice, and everything else you need will be provided—just bring your imagination and a sense of adventure! No experience necessary—our Dungeon Masters will guide you every step of the way. Whether you're looking to save a village, uncover ancient secrets, or face down a fearsome dragon, there's a quest waiting for you. Don't miss out on the chance to become the hero you were always meant to be. Grab your friends or come solo and make new ones. Let the adventure begin!



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, November 8

- Northern Cross Country @ Frontier Conference Championship
- Registration for Spring 2025 - Sophomores
- MAT Presents: Women of Rock Tribute Concert - 7:30 PM - MSUN Little Theatre

Saturday, November 9

- Lights Football @ Montana Tech
- Skylights Volleyball @ Carroll College - 2:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Women of Rock Tribute Concert - 7:30 PM – MSUN Little Theatre

Sunday, November 10

- National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event

Monday, November 11

- Holiday ~ Veterans Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
- National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event

Tuesday, November 12

- Registration for Spring 2025 - Freshmen
- Sweetgrass Teachings 4:00 PM
- IOC Meeting 6:30 PM
- National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event

Wednesday, November 13

- International Games Month Game Night - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM
- National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event

Thursday, November 14

- What's in a Mentor? 4:00 PM
- Board Game Night at the Library - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Jazz Concert – 7:00 PM - MSUN Little Theatre
- National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event

Saturday, November 16

- Lights Wrestling @ Grand View Open
 - Lights Football vs Rocky Mountain College - 12:00 PM
 - National Rock Your Mocs – Online Event
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By: William J. Lanier

(#422) Rudy James – World Champion (Again)

Last month former Northern Wrestling All-American Rudy James earned a World Championship at the United World Wrestling Veteran's World Championships in freestyle and silver in Greco-Roman. These were in Division C. Rudy was also named USA Wrestling Athlete of the Week. Rudy is a former NAIA All-American

at Northern in 1997 and 1999. Rudy was also a member of the Lights 1999 National Championship Team.

The following is from the themat.com website.

“Rudy James (St. Paul, Minn.) has been named USA Wrestling Athlete of the Week, presented by [U.S. Air Force Special Warfare](#), on October 17, 2024.



At the 2024 Veterans World Championships, James competed in Division C for athletes aged 46-to-50. James, hailing from St. Paul, Minnesota, brought home the 78 kg title in Division C freestyle. His perfect 4-0 record included a decisive victory by pin in the championship match against San Diego's Shad Olvera. The win allowed him to defend his World title in the same weight class and division from the previous year.

In Greco-Roman, James secured a silver medal, adding to his total in Croatia. This was his second medal of the week. James demonstrated his dominance with shutout victories over Individual Neutral Athlete's Stanislav Pechurin and Andrei Borisov. However, in the finals, he fell to Sweden's Jimmy Samuelsson by technical fall, 11-0.

James' medal efforts contributed significantly to the team's third-place finish in the overall standings in freestyle.

Since 2010, Rudy James has earned an impressive collection of titles: two National titles in Greco-Roman, six in freestyle, and nine in folkstyle. To nominate a wrestler for this honor please email the athlete's name, wrestling program, weekly accomplishments, and career accolades to communications@usawrestling.org.”

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