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Commencement Speaker - Jeff Ament will be this year's Commencement speaker. Jeff is a renowned musician, songwriter, and visual artist as well as the co-founder and bassist of the band Pearl Jam.

Metabolic Research - Led by Integrated Health Sciences professor Chad Spangler, the study uses indirect calorimetry, a noninvasive test that measures oxygen use and carbon dioxide output to determine how much energy the body uses at rest and whether it primarily burns fat, carbohydrates, or protein.

Wrestling Nationals - Northern Lights wrestling team wrapped up its season at the NAIA National Championships with six athletes representing the program on the national stage.

Economic Outlook Seminar - MSU–Northern hosted one of the statewide stops of the 2026 Montana Economic Outlook Seminar (EOS), bringing together economists, industry leaders, and community members to discuss economic trends affecting the state and region.

High School Welding Programs – Last year, Welding professor Chuck Terry assisted eight Montana high schools in offering dual enrollment welding courses through MSUN, under his guidance. This year, that number has ballooned to 18.

Board of Allied Healthcare - Dr. Chad Spangler, MSU-Northern Professor of Integrated Health Sciences, has been appointed by Gov. Greg Gianforte to serve as a member of the Montana Board of Allied Healthcare Professionals.

Scholarship - MSU–Northern student Steven Henson has been awarded the George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship, of \$1,000 award recognizing Montana college students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to their communities while pursuing their education.

2026 Spring Career Fair - With 60 companies in attendance, many of which traveled long distances to be in Havre, participants had a unique chance to make meaningful career connections with the student who attended.

First Book - Dr. Burke Wallace, assistant professor of education at MSU-Northern, has published his first book *Money Matters for Educators: A Guide to Budgeting, Debt, and Retirement on a Teacher's Salary*.

Teaching & Learning Festival - Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE) hosted its annual Innovative Teaching & Learning Festival on Wednesday, February 25, in Hensler Auditorium. Faculty and staff gathered to hear five short presentations highlighting creative teaching strategies and classroom research,

We Love Northern Ball - MSU-Northern Foundation hosted the Ball which received overwhelming participation and demonstrates the deep commitment this community has to the future of MSU–Northern and its students.

Merit Badge College - MSU-Northern hosted the 2026 Hi-Line District 14th Annual BSA Merit Badge College. This is where Scouts BSA youth take classes and earn/work toward a variety of merit badges.