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[MSU-Northern Rodeo Team Ranks #1 Nationally](#) - At the mid-season mark, the MSU-Northern Rodeo Team is making waves on the national rodeo circuit. Mikenna Schauer has emerged as the #1 All Round Cowgirl in the Nation with an astounding 1,596 points. She also boasts the #1 rankings in Breakaway Roping and Goat Tying and the #3 Team Roping Header position; Garrett Cunningham is #1 in Saddle Bronc Riding; Gavin McLean is currently holding the #3 Team Roping Heeler position nationally.

[Alumni Auction Funds 12 Scholarships](#) - On Oct. 27th, the MSU-Northern Foundation hosted its annual Alumni Auction in the Student Union Building ballroom to raise money for student scholarships. The auction featured more than 50 live and silent auction items donated by dozens of generous local businesses.

[Progress on EPP System](#) - Dr. Amy L. Smith, Associate Professor of Education, was awarded a \$30,000 grant in the spring semester from Montana State University Bozeman to focus on proficiency-based education (PBE). During the summer, a team of faculty and recent alumni attended a two-day training in Denver Colorado with the Marzano Academy to learn how to effectively implement and transition to a PBE system.

[Pepsi Cola Commits \\$118K to MSU-Northern](#) - Alan Volk, from Pepsi Cola of Great Falls, presented a check for \$118,000 to MSU-Northern's Chancellor, Greg Kegel, earmarked for student scholarships and special projects at MSU-Northern. This was negotiated as part of a new seven-year contract.

[Professor Launches New Arts Journal](#) - MSU-Northern assistant professor Dr. Gwen Hart has launched a new online literary journal, the Bear Paw Arts Journal. This platform is dedicated to showcasing poetry, flash fiction, and micro essays.

[20K for Dynamometer Computer](#) - Michelle Martin, HR Director for Modern Machinery, presented MSU-Northern with a \$20,000 grant from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to help purchase new computer systems for the Engine and Chassis Dynamometers. Currently, the program is using the original computer systems that came with the dynos.

[Modern Machinery Days](#) - Modern Machinery brought 13 industry trainers, recruiters and personnel on campus to conduct an info session, several equipment training sessions, and interview potential employees. The trainers provided several equipment training sessions on Komatsu equipment.

[Fall Career Fair Breaks Records](#) - This year marked the largest career fair ever with 65 companies, over 300 MSU-Northern students, and 60 interviews, fostering numerous promising connections and opportunities for the participants.

[TekNoXpo and ShowCASE Set Record Attendance](#) - Over 450 high school students came to campus (Oct. 12) to take part in TekNoXpo and ShowCASE and look at the various programs at MSU-Northern. Students were divided into ten tracks so they could take part in a series of hands-on activities geared toward their interests and designed to demonstrate some of the aspects of our various programs.

[Faculty Tenure and Promotion](#) - Chancellor Greg Kegel and Provost Dr. Jennifer Brown hosted a dinner at the Chancellor's house to celebrate and honor eight faculty members who received their tenure or promotion.