

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

Halloween Comes to Campus



Annual Halloween Chili Lunch



The Business Services Office staff has once again out done themselves by providing the campus with some of the best homemade chili in the country. This annual Halloween Chili Lunch will be going on today until 2:00 p.m. in Cowan Hall Room 207.

Vote on Tuesday

The campus will be closed Tuesday to encourage everyone to vote. One of the most important rights we enjoy as citizens of our state and nation is the right to vote for the people who make and uphold our laws. Here are some answers to some commonly asked questions about voting.

Who can vote in Montana?

- Be registered as required by law.
- Be 18 years old or older on or before the next election.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have lived in Montana and in the county in which you intend to vote for at least 30 days.

How do I register to vote?

Visit your local election office on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and complete a registration form.

Fill out a registration form and mail it to the local election office. Registration forms are readily available from local election offices, a number of civic organizations, and government agencies. There is a registration form available in your phone book, or you may use the registration form provided on this Web site. Mail it or drop it off at your local election office.

Fill out a registration form when you apply for or renew your driver's license.

Late registration is available at any time right up through the close of polls on Election Day, except between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the day before the election. However, registering early is beneficial to you and to your community. If you're not registered to vote, register as soon as possible!

You may vote only in the precinct in which your residence is located. If you're a student living at school, you can choose whether to register at home or school, but you can't register or vote in both places.

Once you've registered, you'll get a voter confirmation notice from your local election office verifying your registration and telling you which precinct you vote in.

Registration is generally permanent unless you do not vote in a federal general election and do not respond to confirmation mailings. If you don't vote in a federal general election and do not respond to mailings, your name will be placed on an inactive voter list. If you fail to vote in two federal general elections after the mailings are sent, your name will be removed from the voter rolls.

You do need to register again if you change your address or your name.

How to Vote by Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot, even if he or she is able to vote in person on Election Day.

To vote absentee, you must first apply for an absentee ballot. Applications are available during a period beginning 75 days before Election Day and ending at noon on the day before the election. You may pick up an application at your local election office or at the Secretary of State's Office, or you may call either office and ask to have an application mailed to you. You can also download a free application from this Web site. Mail it or drop it off at your local election office.

Once you've submitted your application, your absentee ballot will be mailed to you, unless you indicate on the application that you would prefer to have someone pick it up for you. Once you've marked your ballot, return it to your local election office before the polls close on Election Day in the secrecy envelope that is provided.

The fastest way to vote absentee is to go directly to your local election office, usually in the county courthouse, where you can apply for a ballot and vote all at the same time up to and including Election Day.

For more information about voting, call your local election office or call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline: 1-888-884-VOTE (8683).

Last Day to Drop a Class

The last day to drop a full-semester class is Monday, 11/3/08. After this date, students will need to petition to drop a full-semester class.

The last day to drop a 2nd-half semester class, without a "W" is Wednesday, 11/5/08.

Outstanding Educator of the Year



The Montana Industrial Technology Education Association, a division of the Montana Association for Career and Technical Education, would like to announce that Krista Milligan, Drafting Instructor at Montana State University-Northern, has been selected as the 2008 Montana Industrial Technology Education Association Outstanding Educator of the Year. She was also elected MITEA secretary at this year's conference.

The Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. Montana ACTE is a member state with a mission to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, and competitive workforce. The Montana Association of Career and Technical Educators provides the career and technical education necessary to create the highly skilled workforce that supports the demands of the 21st century economy and promotes economic development in Montana's communities.

The Educator of the Year program is to recognize career and technical educators who have recently provided or currently are providing significant contributions to professional associations and career and technical education programs for youth and/or adults in their fields, communities and/or states. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs; and/or improvement, promotion, research or development of programs of career and technical education.

Northern Professor in Exhibition

Professor Joel Soiseth is one of several art professors from the Montana University system who are participating in an exhibition at Carroll College called "Degrees and Excellence II." This show was organized by Ralph Esposito, the art professor at Carroll. Esposito intends to do three of these exhibitions. Soiseth has two of his paintings on display. The current show opened the 1st week in Oct. and will run until Dec. 12th.

New Campus Security

Northern is pleased to announce that we have come to an agreement with the Havre City Police for them to provide additional coverage of our campus. They will patrol the campus several times during the evening and night hours and they will make spot checks on campus buildings. Sue Ost, Northern's Director of Business Services and Chief Fiscal Officer commented, "I am very pleased we have been able to come to an agreement for this service because it will make the campus a safer place for our students and it will help address some of the concerns expressed in our last Northwest Accreditation Report".

Photo Exhibition – In Gallery



"A Week in the Life of a Hutterite Child." is the result of Cheryl Bannes, instructor and artist in residence in Lewistown. She organized an art project wherein Hutterite children at several of the Montana colonies were given disposable cameras and asked to document their daily lives, culture, family and social ties. The result is a compelling and intimate view of these children's lives told from their perspective in color and black and white photography. This photography exhibition will run until Nov. 21 and is located in the Student Union Bldg. Gallery upstairs in the SUB.

Turkey Bowl

The Intramural & Recreation Council will be sponsoring a Turkey Bowl on November 5th , 12th & 19th in the SUB Pin-n-Cue at 7pm. Entrants will bowl two No Tap games (9 pins same as a strike). If you can get a real or no tap strike in the 3rd, 6th and 9th frame in either game you will receive a gift certificate for a free turkey (1 per person). If you get three strikes in a row you will win a prize or if you have the best total score of the 2 games you will win a prize. All entrants will also receive a free bowling t-shirt. This event is free for students, faculty or staff and their families. Hope to see you there!

Master Storyteller Performs in Havre Community

Sponsored by Northern Showcase Concert Association, Master Storyteller Layne Gneiting will be performing Thursday, November 6th at 7:30pm in the Havre High School Auditorium. Layne is an internationally acclaimed storyteller specializing in historical adventures. His repertoire includes the saga of Blackbeard the Pirate, the Adventures of Lewis & Clark, the tale of William Tell (When the Arrow Struck), and others. Enlivened by character voices and vocal effects, his tales are hailed as "amazing art" (National Storytelling Network).

Layne will also be inspiring the youth of our community from November 3-6. His residencies guide children into the forest of creativity. As children drink from the elixir of imagination, they discover the power of imagery, the magic of vocal characters and the treasure of language. By residency's end, these children perform their own masterpieces. There will be a masterclass for Northern students to attend next Thursday, Nov. 6th. (time and location to be announced later)

Tickets for the evening performance are available at the door for those who do not already have a season pass. Adults/\$15 and Students/\$10

All MSU-Northern students with a student ID are welcome to this performance FREE of charge!!

Graduation Application Deadlines

Graduation applications are due in the Registrars Office on Friday, December 19, 2008 for:

1. Students who will be completing their degree requirements Spring or Summer 2009 semesters, REGARDLESS IF THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN COMMENCEMENT 2009 ACTIVITIES.
2. Students who will be completing their final semester Fall 2009 and intend on petitioning to walk through the Spring 2009 Commencement Ceremony.

As with all forms from this office, please use blue or black pen and verify that all required signatures are present.

The Capitol Christmas Tree is Coming to Havre

The Capitol Christmas tree will be coming to Havre, Friday, November 7th before heading to Washington, D.C. for the December 2nd lighting ceremony on the west lawn of the capitol building.

The tree will be parked on 1st Street in front of the Town Square between 11am and 1pm for the public to enjoy. The Chamber Ambassadors will be selling chili and the Hi-Line Board of Realtors will have hot cider. The St. Jude's Junior High Choir will be present some holiday music for the occasion.

Blood Drive

Start taking your vitamins—the Fall semester American Red Cross Blood Drive takes place in the SUB on Tues., Nov. 18th from 11AM-4PM!

Our goal is 50 units and lunch will be served (menu not determined at this time). To make an appt., please call 1-800-GIVELIF

In case you have never donated before and need some encouragement, these are the top ten reasons I have for giving blood (with apologies to David Letterman):

1. Because blood doesn't grow on trees
2. Someone asked me.
3. There are four different blood types and mine happened to be one of them.
4. For the free cookies
5. I wanted to give a few trillion red cells to someone.
6. I'm over seventeen.
7. I could spare a pint.
8. Every 12 seconds, someone, somewhere needs it.
9. It really doesn't hurt.
10. I ran out of excuses.

If you want me to keep track of any of your students, I would be happy to do that—just let me know. I could use student helpers the day of the drive for registration and to serve food. I believe Americorp students will be taking appointments in the dining hall the day prior.

Halloween Community Party

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern will be hosting a Community Halloween Party for all area children on October 31st in the Morgan Hall Lounge from 5pm-6:30pm. MSU-Northern's clubs and organizations will provide ghoulish games, Halloween treats and a Haunted House.

Halloween Costume Dance

Dress up in your favorite costume and come on out and attend the ASMSUN Halloween Costume Dance at 9pm in the Morgan Hall Lounge. There will be food and refreshments and we will be prizes for the most creative costumes. Music will be provided by Rikca Shae.

Christy Baker - New Recruiter

MSU-Northern alumni Christy Baker has accepted the position of Admissions Specialist and will officially join the Admissions team on Thursday, November 6.

As a Northern graduate, Christy brings first-hand knowledge of the campus and its programs to the position. Christy worked in the Financial Aid Office as an assistant while earning her Bachelor's degree in Business Education. Since her graduation in 2006, Christy has been employed as a Mortgage Loan Officer at Independence Bank and currently serves as head cheerleading coach at Northern.

Director of Admissions, Stacey Gonzalez is pleased to welcome Christy to her staff. "I am so excited Christy has agreed to be a part of our team. Her genuine enthusiasm and devotion to Northern will be a great benefit to recruiting new students to Northern."

As an Admissions Specialist, Christy will join Lynette McClenahan in recruitment efforts here at Northern. While Lynette mainly recruits students in the eastern half of Montana, Christy will be visiting high schools in the western part of the state and conducting target visits in the eastern part of Montana for the COTS programs.

Cabin Fever

Cabin Fever will once again be held on the campus of MSU-Northern. The dates scheduled this year are Monday-Friday, January 5-9, 2009. Instructors are needed to teach workshops during this time. If anyone is interested in teaching a workshop, please contact Sandy Jappe in Extended University (ext. 4148). All workshop ideas need to be submitted before the deadline of November 19th. We look forward to hearing from you!

Veterans' Upward Bound Newsletter

The Montana Veterans' Upward Bound Newsletter is now available online, click here to read <http://vubmt.com/newsletter/index.php>

Rumor Buster

Rumors were flying high this week that the world renowned Iron Chief Bobby Flay was coming to campus to challenge the business offices staff to a "Chili Throwdown". At the time of this publication he still had not shown. It has also been rumored that he got a sneak taste of their chili and quietly backed down. That's our story and we're sticking to it.

Library Corner

by Vicki Gist

The library hours will change slightly during the first 2 weeks in November. The library will be closing on Monday (Nov. 3rd and 10th) at 5:00 PM and will be open on the Tuesday Holidays (Election Day and Veterans Day) from 1:00 PM-9:00 PM.

Want something to read during your holidays? On the Library's home page is a link to an RSS feed listing the many New Books @ the library. Signup to receive the lists automatically each month or just click on the Library's home page link to see what's new!

Computer Tips

Outlook Tip: Recover Deleted Items

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook provides a way to recover items after you have permanently deleted them (emptied the Deleted Items folder). All you have to do is click on the **Tools** menu, and then select **Recover Deleted Items** from the drop down menu. You can then select which items to recover.

You can also recover items using Outlook Web Access. In this case, select **Options** (menu) and **Recover Deleted Items** is right at the bottom of the page.

On our system, you can use this tool to recover items for up to 7 days after they were deleted.

Career Center News

By Terry Lilletvedt

The fall recruiting season continues in the Career Center. Additional information and sign-up sheets for interview times are available in the Career Center. Upcoming recruiting visits for both full-time and Cooperative Education positions include:

Western Federal Lands Highway Division – Nov. 6th. General Information Session, 9:00 am, 11/6/08, Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building. Interviews in the Career Center. (Civil Engineering Technology & Design Drafting Students)

RDO Equipment Company – Nov. 12th. General Information Session, 9:00 am, 11/12/08, Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building. Interviews in the Career Center. (Automotive & Diesel)

GE Transportation – Nov. 13th. General Information Session, 9:00 am, 11/13/08, Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building. Interviews in the Career Center for Co-op positions for spring semester. Students must have a 3.0 GPA in order to apply. (Diesel, Automotive, Computer Engineering Technology, or Business (with a minor in one of the areas previously mentioned).

Please check out our “new & improved” website for the latest information on on-campus recruiting visits! Please be watching for the launch of our new “*CAREER EXPRESS*” on our website later this fall. More information to follow...

Tidbit

By: Bill Lanier

Did you know.....this is the only weekend of the entire year that; women’s volleyball, wrestling, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and football will all be competing here in Havre.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 31, 2008

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

IOC Community Halloween Party 5:30 PM – Morgan Hall

Rocky Mountain College MBB vs. Northern New Mexico College 12:00 pm (noon)

Rocky Mountain College WBB vs. Vanguard University 2:00 pm

Skylights kick off their Hoops season vs. NNMC. 4:00 pm

Lights MBB squad takes on HINU. 6:00 pm

MSUN Skylights Volleyball Team plays a Frontier Mountain College (Havre High School Gymnasium). 7:00 pm

Conference contest against Rocky

Lights Wrestlers vs. North Idaho College 8:00 pm

Midnight Halloween Costume Dance 9:00 pm – Morgan Hall

Saturday, November 1, 2008

MSUN Lights Football Team will face U of M Western. 12:00 pm (noon)

Rocky Mountain College WBB vs. Northern New Mexico 4:00pm

Skylights VB vs. Carroll College (Havre High Gymnasium) 7:00 pm

Lights MBB vs. Northern New Mexico 6:00 pm

Skylights WBB vs. the defending National Champions (currently #2 in the nation) Vanguard University! 8:00 pm

Monday, November 03, 2008

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

IOC Meeting 5:00 PM

ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

I/R 3 on 3 Basketball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, November 04, 2008

Campus Closed – Voting Day

Wednesday, November 05, 2008

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Pep Band Practice & Meeting 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Turkey Bowl 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 06, 2008

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Northern Showcase Concert Association presents "Layne Gneiting"-Master Storyteller 7:30 PM

Friday, November 07, 2008

II/R Weight Training for Women 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

MAT presents "American Buffalo" 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 08, 2008

MAT presents "American Buffalo" 8:00 PM