



Christmas Tree Lighting



Thursday afternoon Northern had their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Special thanks to everyone who has worked so hard setting up the tree and getting all the decorations in place for the holiday, now all we need is the snow.

Auto Tech Center in Design Phase



Members of the Auto Tech Planning Committee met Wednesday to set some goals and discuss the schematic for the site design and establish some guidelines for how the space will be used. It is now in the architect's hands to develop a preliminary conceptual drawing. They hope to have these drawings finished in time for the January Board of Regents Meeting. Northern wants to thank everyone from the community who took time out of their busy schedules to show their support and make recommendations during the public comment portion of all day meeting.

Energy Saving Tip #14

When you are simply printing rough drafts or documents strictly for internal use switch your printer to "economy" mode.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4

Lights Basketball @ the Frontier Conference Preview Tournament

Lights Wrestling vs. California Baptist University @ Great Falls

Lights Wrestling vs. Missouri Valley College @ Great Falls

Skylights Basketball @ the Frontier Conference Preview Tournament

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Skylight Volleyball Kid's Night Out

Dec. 5

Lights Basketball @ the Frontier Conference Preview Tournament

Lights Wrestling @ Great Falls Open

Skylights Basketball @ the Frontier Conference Preview Tournament

Dec. 6

Skylights Basketball @ Montana State University (exhibition)

Education Presentations



Education students in Great Falls and Havre had their formal celebration for completing their student teaching. The students received a certificate and presented their e-folios and shared something they learned during their student teaching experience. Evaluators were Dr. Darlene Bricker, Dr. Stacey Dolezal, Dr. Fred Smiley, Vicki Hayes and Pam Wilson. We are very proud of the caliber of student teachers we are sending out in the field.

Library Focuses on Students

During the next two weeks, Northern is asking all community members to please use the local library as they want to make sure that the college students, faculty and staff have full access to all of the resources needed to finish their papers and study for finals. The Library will be maintaining their normal hours.

Joseph Auditions

Casting auditions have been scheduled for the joint Montana Actor's Theatre/Havre High School musical production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and the Montana Actor's Theatre production of Cupid & Psyche. Auditions for both productions will be held Friday, December 4th, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., and Saturday December 5th, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Havre High School auditorium, with callbacks being held Saturday afternoon/evening.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice), is a delightful and vibrant musical based on the biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors, set to an engaging array of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock'n'roll. Minimally, a cast of 17 men and 14 women with a children's chorus ages K-8 will be required to bring this award winning musical to life. This production will run from March 18th through 21, 2010, and will be directed by Casey Pratt.

Cupid & Psyche, by Joseph Fisher, is a comedy adapted from the Greek fairy-tale of Cupid and the mortal princess, Psyche, based on the story of what happens when the God of Love is sent by his mother to destroy the most beautiful woman in the world and instead falls in love with her. Directed by Audrey Barger this production requires casting four men and four women and will run January 29, 30, February 4th, 5th, and 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2010.

Any community member with an interest in theatre is welcome and encouraged to audition as roles have not been pre-cast and between the two productions there will be over 50 parts available. Participants may select to audition for either or both productions.

Dec. 7

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Co-ed Intramural Dodgeball

Dec. 8

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Student Senate Meeting

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Co-ed Intramural Dodgeball

Dec. 9

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wii Competition

Dec. 10

Praxis Test Registration
Deadline

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Chi Alpha Meeting

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Northern Showcase Presents:
Choral Fusion

Dec. 11

Lights Wrestling @ Boise State

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Graduation Applications DUE

Community members wishing to audition will need to be at only one of the casting sessions, and those wishing to audition for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat should come prepared to sing a short vocal selection (a cappella) preferably from any Broadway show.

Joseph will use a live orchestra. Any musician interested in playing in the orchestra is encouraged to contact Rhonda Minnick 265-5987.

In the event you have any questions about the productions or are interested in auditioning but are unavailable either Friday evening or Saturday morning, please call the respective directors, Casey Pratt at 262-3846, or Audrey Barger at 390-4663.

Choral Fusion Holiday Performance



Thursday, December 10th at 7:30pm, the Northern Showcase Concert Association is presenting their 4th in a series of performances at the Havre High School Auditorium. Choral Fusion is a local group of trained and experienced singers. They sing a wide variety of music from standard sacred choral literature and rousing gospel spirituals to vocal jazz and Broadway show tunes, music which is challenging and rewarding for the singers as well as enjoyable for the audience. Choral Fusion now has 24 singers on their roster. Most of the singers have college experience and several are past or current music educators. Their performance will be in 3 parts. One part jazz, pop; one sacred choral literature & gospels; and one part Holiday music.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10/adults & \$5/students for those who do not have a Season Pass. Season tickets will be available at this performance for 1/2 off the regular price. (Family/\$55, Adult/\$25 & Student/\$15) The Season Pass will allow you entrance to this performance plus "Nube" (a contemporary Latin Music Quartet), "Intersection" (a classical string trio) and one MAT performance, (excluding "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor"). For more information on these upcoming performers, check our website at www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/stuactivities/showcase.htm

Get in the Holiday Spirit with "Choral Fusion".

CAMPUS HOLIDAY PARTY

MSU-Northern Food Services hosted their annual campus holiday feast with excellent food, games for the kids and even a visit from Santa.

Students who do not live on campus were admitted to the dinner for the price of a "can of food". This event was sponsored by the ASMSUN Inter-Organizational Committee (IOC), campus clubs and organizations.

Campus Closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 3

The MSU-Northern Havre campus will be closed December 25 through January 3rd. The goal of the campus closure is utility savings. All buildings will be closed and thermostats set to a very cool minimum, with the exception of the Armory Gym, because of scheduled athletic events. This closure affects all employees on the Havre campus. Employees having questions about the closure are encouraged to contact their supervisors.

The campus will be open for normal business on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Positions Available

Accounting Associate IV - responsible for accounting, reconciling, and reporting functions for university accounts. \$13.712 per hour

Admissions Specialist (Recruiter) - responsible for communicating the university's programs to prospective students, parents, guidance counselors, agency representatives and other interested parties. Extensive travel required. \$24,000 yearly

Both positions are full-time with excellent benefits including health insurance, retirement, and college tuition waivers. See www.msun.edu for complete vacancy listings.

Great Falls Open House

You're invited to an Open House reception at MSU-Northern at Great Falls campus, on December 8, 2009 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Northern Alumni Association, this will be an informal get together for Northern alumni and friends. This is open to the public so bring a friend. We will have snacks and beverages. It is best to use the South or Southeast entrance.

Chancellor Frank Trocki will give a brief welcome and an update on Northern and the programs offered in the Great Falls area. Representatives from our Administration, Faculty, Recruiting, Alumni and Foundation Offices will be there to visit and answer your questions. We are interested in discussing how Northern can better serve you and your community. For more information call Judy Bricker at (406) 265-3770 or email her at bricker@msun.edu.

Northern Video of the Week:

Chi Alpha's water slide 09 MSU Northern

This video is a slide show of the water slide that Chi Alpha set up during the first week of school.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOYpRwbKnoQ>

Computer Corner

Google Tips: Find it fast - Current time elsewhere, movie times, conversions

By Marianne Hoppe

Find the current time elsewhere:

Don't bother trying to convert the time from your local setting to a distant city. Just type **time city**, as in **time Beijing**, to see the current time in that location.

Find movie times:

On the Web you have a myriad of choices to look up show times, but Google's simplicity is tough to beat. Just type **movies zip code** (or city), as in **movies 59501**. Click the **More movies** link to get specific information about the movies and where they are showing.

Convert measurements, currency, metrics and more:

Google's powerful built-in converter calculator can help you out whether you're cooking dinner or traveling abroad. Find out how many teaspoons are in a quarter cup by entering **quarter cup to teaspoons**, or how many centimeters in foot - **centimeters in foot**, or how many Euros there are to five dollars - **5 USD to Euros**, or how many seconds there are in a year - **seconds in a year**.

So the basic format for anything you want to convert is: *{quantity} {current unit} to {convert to unit}* -or- *{quantity} {current unit} in {convert to unit}*